

MEMBER QUESTIONS TO THE PCC – 21 NOVEMBER 2019Question 1: from Cllr Ged Potter

Could all Derbyshire PCP panel members be supplied with the most up to date expenditure and expense account figures for the PCC office, together with the last 3 previous years accounts in time for the November PCP meeting.

Figures attached separately.

Question 2: from Cllr Ged Potter

Our Towns and Cities are suffering from Anti- Social Behaviour, in many cases caused by drug users and those undertaking aggressive begging, as we approach the festive period and hopefully more families will be visiting our Towns and Cities will our Policing Priorities reflect the need for families and visitors to feel reassured by visible policing and effective action against those who are intent on causing alarm and distress.

Concern about anti-social behaviour in our city and other major conurbations and its impact on those who live, work and shop in those centres has been a concern for the Commissioner for some time, and isn't just limited to the festive period. The causes of this behaviour are complex and not simply a result of reductions in police visibility.

The Panel will recollect from previous meetings that the Commissioner facilitated and chaired the Derby City Centre and Chesterfield Town Centre Summits to address these very issues in those two localities. In addition, he has hosted smaller "mini summits" in other communities.

Increasing police officer and staff numbers so as to increase visible policing has been a priority for the Commissioner and has been funded by his decision to increase the council tax to replace some of the police officers and staff lost as a result of the Government's austerity policy.

Officers from the Commissioners staff discussed policing over the Christmas period with the Force at the end of the summer and the Commissioner has already had a briefing on this subject from one Divisional Commander and anticipates that the other Divisional Commander will cover the issue at their next regular meeting.

Local Inspectors are currently preparing reports for their Divisional Command Team on how they propose to police town/city centres during the Christmas period. However, it should be remembered that all such plans are subject to

unexpected operational need and that keeping town centres safe and welcoming places is not solely a policing issue.

The decision regarding when and what action to take against anyone engaging in anti-social behaviour or criminal activity is a matter for the individual police officer and not for the Commissioner. However a criminal justice solution is not always the most effective option and, the Commissioner has supported a number of measures to make dealing with this type of behaviour more effective, including working with and financially supporting partners to provide alternative solutions such as the Safe Space in Derby and the Pathways Homelessness initiative in Chesterfield.

Question 3: from Cllr Robert Mee

In September, the government announced a £10m budget for equipping additional officers with Taser.

A number of forces (e.g. Northamptonshire and Durham) now equip all frontline response officers with Taser if they request it.

1. If this “new” money does actually materialise, is there any indication that any of it will be offered to Derbyshire, and if so will it be accepted?

Whilst the Government may have announced this initiative several months ago, not for the first time, a government announcement wasn’t accompanied by details of how the money is to be spent.

There are currently no indications regarding which Forces will receive any of the National Taser funding, never mind how much they might receive. It is known that the funding will be subject to a bidding process, although the criteria used when making a bid are not known. However, subject to those criteria it is expected that Derbyshire will submit a bid for additional funding to support the Chief Constable’s current policy on the rollout of TASER.

2. What is the view of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the much wider availability of this weapon for use by officers? In this regard, I would welcome your comments not only on the budgetary implications, but also on public perception. I would also ask if your views are at all affected by the geographical issues which face a force such as Derbyshire.

The decision surrounding the rollout of TASER, how many officers carry a TASER and in what circumstances, is an operational matter for the Chief Constable, not the PCC. However, the PCC has been supportive of the Chief Constable in his decision to equip more officers with a TASER and to train 100 additional police officers per year in its use over the next 3 years.

The Panel will recollect from its deliberations at the beginning of this year that part of this year's precept increase was to pay for the training of more police officers in the use of TASER, including the recruitment of two dedicated police officer TASER trainers.

Whilst supportive of the Chief Constable when operation need requires police officers to carry a TASER, the PCC is aware of the wider "public perception" issue raised by this question and of how the public may have mixed views on whether all police officers should routinely carry a TASER. It is a matter that he has raised in appropriate arenas and is supportive of a wider, national, public debate taking place to better understand the public's view. The Commissioner would welcome the comments of Panel Members on this issue of greater use of TASER.

If the policy of the Government is to have more or all "front line" police officers carry a TASER, particularly if a stage were reached when that level of TASER deployment was not being requested by the Chief Constable, that is not without substantial cost. The view of the Commissioner is that policing has been underfunded for most of the last decade and that central government should contribute more towards paying for policing rather than continuing to rely on the local council tax payer to pick up the costs

Office of the PCC for Derbyshire

Outturn by year (2016/17 through 2018/19) plus 2019/20 forecasted outturn

Description	Cat	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20		
		Budget (£)	Amount (£)	Variance (£)	Budget (£)	Amount (£)	Variance (£)	Budget (£)	Amount (£)	Variance (£)	Budget (£)	Forecast (£)	Variance (£)
Salaries & on-costs	1	772,700	727,260	(45,440)	774,100	780,149	6,049	877,900	801,948	(75,952)	909,200	925,100	15,900
Recruitment & training	2	4,200	2,302	(1,898)	3,200	2,451	(749)	6,500	4,283	(2,217)	6,500	1,300	(5,200)
Travel, accommodation & subsistence	3	25,200	17,039	(8,161)	24,700	25,198	498	23,800	26,170	2,370	23,800	20,800	(3,000)
Office equipment and consumables	4	14,600	3,316	(11,284)	21,900	17,448	(4,452)	23,800	26,915	3,115	28,500	23,400	(5,100)
Professional fees, subscriptions and contracted services	5	200,700	208,604	7,904	211,000	211,503	503	196,500	205,146	8,646	209,500	209,700	200
Conference & engagement expenses	6	11,800	3,259	(8,541)	6,400	4,610	(1,790)	10,300	6,597	(3,703)	10,300	5,500	(4,800)
Bank Charges	7	7,000	6,188	(812)	7,000	6,377	(623)	7,000	5,757	(1,243)	7,000	9,000	2,000
Commissioned services & grants	8	2,688,592	2,185,954	(502,638)	2,392,941	2,168,037	(217,404)	2,789,241	2,832,119	42,878	2,799,241	3,442,399	643,158
MOJ grant income	9	(1,220,095)	(1,220,095)	-	(1,215,144)	(1,215,144)	-	(1,215,144)	(1,211,079)	4,065	(1,211,676)	(1,211,676)	-
Partner contributions & other income	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(108,230)	(108,230)	-	(204,049)	(204,049)
Transfers to / (from) reserves	11	-	-	570,870	-	-	217,969	-	-	130,271	-	-	(439,109)
		2,504,697	1,933,828	0	2,226,097	2,000,628	(0)	2,719,897	2,589,626	(0)	2,782,365	3,221,474	(0)

Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner's Office
Outturn for 2016/17 through 2018/19 with forecast for 2019/20

Note:

- * the reserve referred to at the foot of this report is the "PCC Grants & Commissioning" reserve
- * positive figures are transfers into reserves whilst negative figures are transfers from reserves
- * some short-term initiatives and projects in the Commissioning/Community Safety portfolio are funded from reserves

Key:

- 1 Salaries & on-costs
- 2 Recruitment & training
- 3 Travel, accommodation & subsistence
- 4 Office equipment and consumables
- 5 Professional fees, subscriptions and contracted services
- 6 Conference & engagement expenses
- 7 Bank Charges
- 8 Commissioned services & grants
- 9 MOJ grant income
- 10 Partner contributions & other income
- 11 Transfers to / (from) reserves

Account	Account (T)	2016/17			2017/18			2018/19			2019/20			
		Budget (£)	Amount (£)	Variance (£)	Budget (£)	Amount (£)	Variance (£)	Budget (£)	Amount (£)	Variance (£)	Budget (£)	Forecast (£)	Variance (£)	
1100	Police Staff Pay	618,800	604,683	- 14,117	628,100	634,846	6,746	712,200	649,330	- 62,870	734,100	753,000	18,900	1
1119	Police Staff Misc	-	120	120	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1120	Police Staff Overtime - Plain Time	1,000	208	- 792	-	-	-	1,100	-	- 1,100	1,100	-	- 1,100	1
1123	Police Staff Overtime - Double time	-	292	292	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1140	Police Staff National Insurance	54,500	63,724	9,224	66,200	67,337	1,137	74,700	69,614	- 5,086	79,300	79,800	500	1
1160	Police Staff Superannuation	98,400	58,232	- 40,168	79,800	77,966	- 1,834	89,900	83,004	- 6,896	94,700	92,300	- 2,400	1
1501	Training - External Courses / Seminars	-	390	390	1,000	850	- 150	5,000	3,395	- 1,605	5,000	1,000	- 4,000	2
1503	Training - Subsistence, misc exps	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
1504	External Trainers	-	-	-	-	680	680	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
1600	NHS Re-Imbursement	200	-	- 200	200	-	- 200	-	39	39	-	-	-	2
1602	Recruitment Advertising	-	-	-	-	555	555	1,000	849	- 151	1,000	300	- 700	2
1603	Interview Expenses	4,000	1,909	- 2,091	2,000	366	- 1,634	500	-	- 500	500	0	- 500	2
2210	Hire of Rooms	3,200	815	- 2,385	1,200	314	- 886	1,200	430	- 770	1,200	500	- 700	6
3200	Police Vehicle Fuel	-	26	26	300	211	- 89	400	361	- 39	400	300	- 100	3
3300	Hire of Vehicles	-	74	74	600	969	369	1,200	1,197	- 3	1,200	500	- 700	3
3400	Mileage (HMRC Rate)	9,000	8,684	- 316	12,700	13,742	1,042	11,000	11,024	24	11,000	10,500	- 500	3
3401	Casual Mileage	4,400	3,389	- 1,011	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
3403	Rail Travel	8,000	3,049	- 4,951	8,000	6,914	- 1,086	8,000	10,165	2,165	8,000	7,000	- 1,000	3
3405	Airfares	-	-	-	-	169	169	-	121	121	-	-	-	3
3408	Travel Misc (Car parking,Taxis etc)	1,000	608	- 392	1,000	1,129	129	1,000	864	- 136	1,000	700	- 300	3
4000	Equipment - General	5,000	663	- 4,337	3,000	2,661	- 339	3,000	5,776	2,776	3,000	4,600	1,600	4
4001	Equipment & Other Expenses (Payroll Only)	-	81	81	-	20	20	-	34	34	-	-	-	4
4003	Photocopiers	500	-	- 500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
4040	Furniture	500	-	- 500	2,500	-	- 2,500	2,500	3,154	654	2,500	500	- 2,000	4
4070	Books	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	29	-	-	-	4
4100	Accommodation / Hotel Expenses	2,500	918	- 1,582	1,800	1,665	- 135	1,800	2,042	242	1,800	1,500	- 300	3
4101	Subsistence Expenses	300	291	- 9	300	398	98	400	395	- 5	400	300	- 100	3
4291	Refreshments	6,100	776	- 5,324	1,700	1,301	- 399	1,700	1,988	288	1,700	2,500	800	6
4400	Printing and Stationery - General	3,800	1,848	- 1,952	3,800	1,472	- 2,328	5,000	515	- 4,485	5,000	-	- 5,000	4
4401	Publications	500	150	- 350	500	300	- 200	500	-	- 500	500	-	- 500	4
4505	Financial Contracts	51,000	48,870	- 2,130	51,000	43,922	- 7,078	48,000	40,324	- 7,676	48,000	42,000	- 6,000	5
4520	Professional Fees	19,200	48,808	29,608	22,400	38,488	16,088	22,400	51,325	28,925	22,400	14,300	- 8,100	5
4543	Professional Fees - Legal	15,000	1,554	- 13,446	17,600	16,004	- 1,596	8,600	4,128	- 4,472	17,600	9,200	- 8,400	5

4575 Media Relations	40,500	45,571	5,071	45,000	44,656	- 344	42,500	38,158	- 4,342	46,500	38,000	- 8,500	5
4630 Hardware - Purchase	3,000	442	- 2,558	800	- 800	- 800	-	668	668	-	-	-	4
4635 Software Purchase	1,300	133	- 1,167	11,300	12,995	1,695	12,800	16,740	3,940	17,500	18,300	800	4
4721 Members - Mileage	-	45	45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
4731 Members - NI Contributions	-	44	44	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
4740 JARAC - Attendance Allowance	7,000	5,841	- 1,159	7,000	7,294	294	7,000	7,675	675	7,000	10,100	3,100	5
4741 JARAC - Mileage	1,000	341	- 659	1,000	322	- 678	1,000	286	- 714	1,000	600	- 400	5
4805 Non Recruitment Advertising	-	-	-	1,000	1,869	869	4,900	3,012	- 1,888	4,900	2,000	- 2,900	6
4807 Conference Expenses	2,500	1,668	- 832	2,500	1,125	- 1,375	2,500	1,167	- 1,333	2,500	500	- 2,000	6
4888 Bank Charges	7,000	6,188	- 812	7,000	6,377	- 623	7,000	5,757	- 1,243	7,000	9,000	2,000	7
4890 Misc Expenditure	34,400	46,950	12,550	23,700	121,685	97,985	-	182,685	182,685	25,000	224,049	199,049	8
4891 PCC Grants&Commissioning - Crime Prevention	250,000	93,512	- 156,488	275,000	237,104	- 37,896	250,000	205,407	- 44,593	275,000	259,108	- 15,892	8
4892 PCC Grants&Commissioning - Community Safety	1,265,997	928,569	- 337,428	938,841	866,839	- 72,002	1,405,997	1,283,716	- 122,281	1,365,997	1,430,922	64,925	8
4893 PCC Grants&Commissioning - Victim and RJ	1,138,195	1,178,573	40,378	1,155,400	1,072,479	- 82,921	1,133,244	1,338,878	205,634	1,133,244	1,528,320	395,076	8
4895 Subscriptions General	67,000	57,529	- 9,471	67,000	60,816	- 6,184	67,000	63,250	- 3,750	67,000	95,500	28,500	5
9040 Government Grants General	-	- 61,650	- 61,650	-	- 122,570	- 122,570	-	- 178,566	- 178,566	-	-	-	8
9042 Ministry of Justice Grant - PCC	- 1,220,095	- 1,220,095	-	- 1,215,144	- 1,215,144	-	- 1,215,144	- 1,211,079	4,065	- 1,211,676	- 1,211,676	-	9
9043 Police Innovation Fund - PCC	-	-	-	-	- 5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
9114 Contributions - Other Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 841	- 841	-	-	-	10
9130 Local Authority/PCC - Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 107,389	- 107,389	-	- 204,049	- 204,049	10
9415 Admin Charge	-	-	-	-	- 2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
9420 Costs Recovered - General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
8650/60 Transfer to/(from) reserves			570,870			217,969			130,271		-	439,109	11
Grand Total	2,504,697	1,933,828	0	2,226,097	2,000,628	0	2,719,897	2,589,626	0	2,782,365	3,221,474	0	