

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	29/04/2024
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2024.053

TITLE:	Transfers to Reserves 2023/24
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

In-Year Transfer to Reserves

In making contributions to reserves consideration has been given to the matching convention where the timing of some agreed activity means that budget needs to be made available for use in the future, therefore earmarked in a reserve. In addition, the Group position recognises risks associated with individual activities that are covered by a reserve, e.g., quasi trading activities, partnership working, and grant funding. These are included here for PCC oversight and approval.

Within the financial year 2023/24 the following allocations to reserves were made.

- £609,621 to the Safer Roads Reserve
- £83,899 to the Traffic Safety Camera Project Reserve
- £426,664 to the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme Reserve
- £55,475 to the Night-Time Levy Reserve
- £206,697 to the Safer for All PCC Revenue Reserve as follows:
 - £50,000 Bassetlaw
 - £38,037 Broxtowe
 - £17,907 Gedling
 - £32,127 Mansfield
 - £21,949 Newark & Sherwood
 - £22,613 Nottingham City
 - £33,064 Rushcliffe
- £333,112 to the PCC Revenue Reserve for NHSE Pathfinder
- £23,163 to the Makes Notts Safe Grants & Commissioning Reserve as follows:
 - £10,563 Rural Crime
 - £12,600 Innovation

Year-end transfer to reserves

Decisions already made in principle during the year awaiting final outcome to formalise action to be taken are set out below.

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	Chief Constable & Joint Services £'000	OPCC & Core Funding £'000	Group Total £'000
Total Underspend	(9,611)	(926)	(10,537)
Uplift Batch 1 and 2	1,830		1,830
DRF (additional)	5,000		5,000
Operation Perth	2,281		2,281
Safer Streets 5		322	322
Safer Streets Top Slice		182	182
Net Position	(500)	(422)	(922)

For 2023/24 the Chief Constable's revenue budget is underspent by (£9,611k). This is proposed to be allocated as follows:

- £1,830k in relation to additional funding received from the Home Office for the recruitment of 50 temporary additional officers to be transferred to an earmarked reserve to be used in 2024/25 to fund the excess officer numbers until the sustainable budgeted position is reached.
- £5,000k in relation to Direct Revenue Financing of Capital which will reduce future years financing charges in the revenue budget.
- £2,281k in relation to Operation Perth investigation into failures at Nottingham University Hospitals Midwifery Services to be transferred to an earmarked reserve to meet the expected funding shortfall in Home Office Special Grant.

For 2023/24 the OPCC revenue budget is underspent by (£1,426k) off-set by a reduction in funding from reserves of £500k, creating a balance of (£926k). The PCC made decisions during the year to allocate the following:

- £322k in relation to Safer Streets 5 to the PCC Revenue Reserve, to fund Nottingham City projects as the grant did not provide for this area.
- £182k in relation to Safer Streets Top Sliced to the PCC Revenue Reserve to fund the reduction of the Safer Streets Grant allocation.

Year-end transfer to reserves

Once these previous decisions are formalised there is a remaining balance to allocate, the proposal is set out below for approval:

	Chief Constable & Joint Services £'000	OPCC & Core Funding £'000	Group Total £'000
Total Underspend	(500)	(422)	(922)
Operation Catalyst	500		500
Grants & Commissioning		422	422
Net contribution to General Fund Reserve	0	0	0

Chief Constable & Joint Services

- £500k in relation to work initiated to improve planning and governance processes because of the HMICFRS inspection outcomes, to be transferred to a newly created earmarked reserve as the PCC wishes to set aside one-off funding for investment in required areas.

OPCC & Core Funding

- £422k to be transferred to the Grants and Commissioning Reserve to fund specific activity such as planning for VRP funding changes post March 2025, the PCC's commitment to bringing in the College of Policing to review Nottinghamshire Police's handling of the Valdo Calocane case and funding specific victim support for those affected by that case.

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INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g., report or business case)

In accordance with good governance the Commissioner approves all transfers in and out of reserves.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

As detailed above.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer



Date:

30.04.2024

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?**

Yes

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No

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If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**

DECISION:

To approve the allocations to Reserves as detailed above.

OFFICER APPROVAL:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:
Chief Executive



Date:

5 June 2024

DECLARATION:

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

** See guidance on non-public information

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The contents of this decision record were agreed by former PCC Henry, due to the timing of the decision and the outcome of the PCC election it is being formally approved by PCC Godden.

The above request has my approval

Signature:
Nottinghamshire Police
& Crime Commissioner



Date:

10th June 2024