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Quarter 4 2020/21 Capital Outturn.

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the financial outturn position for capital for the financial year 2020/21.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Force Executive Board and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner notes the outturn position as detailed in the report.
- 2.2 That the Police and Crime Commissioner approves the slippage recommendations in Appendix B.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To update the Office of the PCC on the Force's outturn position for 2020/21 as at the end of quarter 4 and also to comply with good financial management and Financial Regulations.

4. Summary of Key Points (this should include background information and options appraisal if applicable)

- 4.1 **Summary**
The Capital Programme for 2020/21 to 2024/25 was presented and approved at the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 6th February 2020.
- 4.2 The capital budget for 2020/21 is £42,431k. This is calculated as slippage from 2019/20 of £1,169k and new allocations in 2020/21 of £41,263k. This is an increase of £600k approved on decision record 2021.005 from future year's budget to 2020/21 to offset costs in relation to Nottingham Custody Suite. Decision record 2020.055 approved the termination agreement from the Venson contract and subsequently the purchase of the vehicle fleet. The programme is summarised in the table below:

	New Budget 2020/21 £'000	Slippage From 2019/20 £'000	In Year Approvals £'000	Revised Budget £'000
Estates	28,870	838	500	30,208
Information Technology	5,212	331	(500)	5,043
Other Projects	7,180	0	0	7,180
Total	41,262	1,169	0	42,431

- 4.3 The review of capital expenditure shows an outturn position of £30,369k. This is representing an underspend of (£3,426k) and slippage of (£8,636k). A breakdown of all the projects can be found in Appendix A.
- 4.4 Within the Estates projects are the three new build projects for Nottingham Custody Suite, new Joint HQ Build and the SARC (Sexual Assault Referral Centre). These three areas alone amount to a combined budget of £25,759k and also amount to the majority of the slippage figure (£6,997k).

Nottingham Custody Suite – on going.

- The custody project is a multiyear project to deliver a new Nottingham Custody Suite at a new location within the City. It is expected that the project will be delivered on budget in totality, but the phasing may be a little out of line with costs being incurred. For a multi-million-pound project, over multi years this is not unusual.

New Joint FHQ – on going.

- The new Joint FHQ build is a multiyear project to deliver a new headquarters supporting the needs of Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue. The build is taking place on existing land, currently owned by Nottinghamshire Police. It is expected that the project will generate a reasonable underspend, to date £639k has been realised, the full amount will continue to be assessed.

SARC New Build – on going

- The current Topaz Centre (SARC) is unsuitable; there is no scope for extending the building to provide a seamless support package for victims. In addition, the Topaz Centre needs reparation and improvement from a forensic perspective and requires urgent mitigation work to bring the building up to United Kingdom Accreditation Standards (UKAS) forensic standards.
- As a result of this assessment a new build is being undertaken close to the existing Centre. During this financial year it is expected that design and planning fees will be incurred with a view to the build starting June 2021. The capital budget is therefore slightly out of alignment with the planned works.

Building Improvement, Renovation & Conversion Works – on going

- This is an annual programme and reflects the risks identified within the building condition survey. The survey assessed each building in terms of mechanical, electrical, and fabric works that is required to keep buildings in top condition. The works have been prioritised and these form the basis for this element of the capital programme.
- Within the plans for this financial year were replacement windows and roof for Radford Road and Oxclose Lane police stations, this work needs to be completed during summer months and due to COVID this work is now delayed and will be undertaken next financial year. A full review of the longer-term requirements under this project heading are taking place, however an increase in the underspend is reported this quarter to reflect our reduced estate and an expectation of the re-profiling that Estates are currently undertaking.

Custody Improvements – on going

- Custody improvement project. With the new building being undertaken for the city it became apparent that the facilities at Mansfield may need to be improved to ensure both suites operate to a similar standard wherever possible, this project is intended to upgrade and deliver essential works to Mansfield Custody suite. Estates have commissioned some feasibility works, but no commitments have been entered into. It is expected that Estates will develop a business case to further this project with a view to completing next financial year.

Uplift – Estates – on going

- In July it was decided to increase the number of car parking spaces at a number of stations to accommodate the increase in officer numbers, this budget was achieved by way of a virement from Information Technology Uplift project to create an Estates uplift project, the value approved was £500k.

Northern Control Room - on going

- Northern Control Room. As part of the arrangements to move out of the Hucknall training centre and to minimise the capital requirements for FHQ, it was identified that a cost effective solution would be to dual purpose the northern control room into a reserve control room for the FHQ site, but routinely to be used as 3 IT classrooms for learning and development. To enable this work to be completed would mean that for a short period of time the northern control room would have to close and all resources relocated to FHQ, due to the COVID pandemic the force felt that the risk was too great and the work will be delayed until the situation is less impactful.

West Bridgford Relocation - completed

- The current station has been identified as too large for our policing purpose, a decision was made to relocate policing teams to local fire stations, relocate the victim interview suits to other nearby police stations and the shared front counter service would be relocated to alternative premises in the centre of West Bridgford.

Hucknall EMAS - completed

- A project to relocate officers from Hucknall Police station to Hucknall Ambulance station which will become a base for all three emergency services. A small budget has been allocated for this financial year to cover a few outstanding fees and the contractor's retainer charge.

- 4.5 The Information Technology host of projects includes refreshing and upgrading the existing IT suite of equipment, continuation of the roll out of ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition), an uplift in equipment representing the increase in officer numbers and ESN (Essential Services Network) which is a National project to replace the current airwave system and devices.

Technology Refresh – mostly completed

- Technology refresh is a recurring project that has been developed to provide the financial support to refresh and upgrade existing equipment that has reached end of life. The plans for this financial year include the ongoing procurement of BWV (Body Worn Video) devices, replacement laptops, tough books and workstations, DIR (Digital Interview Recording) suites & laptops, nimble storage, Hyper V server hardware refresh, replacement multi-functional devices (printers) and archive storage expansion.

Uplift – Information Technology - complete

- Operation Uplift includes the increase in BWV and airwave devices.

Essential Services Network – on going

- ESN is a national programme to replace the current airwave service. The project started some years ago and has seen several setbacks, progress is still fragmented and types of devices have yet to be established. It is expected that this project will slip again. The overall budget is likely to increase considerably and discussions at a national level are being held as to how the project will progress.

Automatic Number Plate Recognition - complete

- Replacement of static ANPR cameras around the County is the focus of this project. Existing cameras are old and the failure rates have been increasing, a number of cameras were replaced last financial year, with the last instalment delayed due to manufacturing issues in relation to Covid-19. There is scope and plans for further cameras to be replaced this financial year.

- 4.6 Other projects include vehicle replacement, increase in the fleet and more recently an increase in CED (Conducted Energy Devices).

Uplift – Fleet - complete

- Operation Uplift represents the impact on the force in relation to vehicles tied in with the increase in officers, costs currently attributed to this area are 11 Skoda Octavia's for operation Reacher, 3 Skoda Octavia's for additional capacity across the force. The running costs for the vehicles have been reflected in the revenue element of the Transport budget.

Vehicle Replacement Programme - complete

- Vehicle replacement is an annually recurring project that has been developed to provide the financial support to replace non-Venson vehicles that have reached end of life.

PFI Transport Purchase – complete

- In December 2020 the force contract with Venson was terminated as a result the force purchased the fleet and associated equipment from Venson, the capital value was £5,987k and consisted of 379 vehicles, vehicle lifts, MOT equipment, and 2 roadside recovery vehicles.

Taser - complete

- Utilising a grant to off-set the cost of CED (taser) devices the force has now increased capacity by a further 105 devices this financial year.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

5.1 The financial information relating to this item is contained within item 4.

6. Human Resources Implications

6.1 There are no immediate Human Resource implications arising from this report.

7. Equality Implications

7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

8. Risk Management

8.1 Monitoring of the accounts is problematic and errors in the data continue to be reported.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

9.1 There are no policy implications arising from this report.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 There are no changes in legislation or other legal considerations that are relevant to this report.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 The figures included in this report are presented to the Force Executive Board on monthly basis.

12. Appendices

12.1 Appendix A – Capital Projects

13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

13. There are no background papers relevant to this report.

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APPENDIX A

Capital Projects

	Revised Budget	Actual	Under Spend	Slippage to 2021/22
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Estates				
Nottingham Custody Suite	13,000	12,968	0	(32)
New HQ Joint Build	11,959	4,969	(639)	(6,351)
Building Improvement, Renovation & Conversion Works	2,640	437	(2,150)	(53)
SARC New Build	800	185	0	(615)
Estate Improvements	567	107	(204)	(256)
Northern Control Room Conversion & Refurb.	362	2	0	(360)
Custody Improvements	166	28	0	(139)
West Bridgford Relocation	198	177	(21)	0
Hucknall EMAS	17	17	(0)	0
Operation Uplift - Estates	500	331	(163)	(6)
	30,208	19,221	(3,178)	(7,810)
Information Services				
Technology Services Refresh & Upgrades	2,573	2,531	(16)	(26)
Operation Uplift - IS	1,426	1,344	(82)	0
ESN	800	0	0	(800)
ANPR Camera Project	244	244	(0)	0
Command & Control	0	0	0	0
	5,043	4,119	(98)	(826)
Other Projects				
Operation Uplift - Fleet	445	402	(43)	0
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	662	554	(108)	0
PFI Transport Purchase	5,987	5,987	0	0
Operation Uplift - Other	0	0	0	0
Taser	87	87	0	0
	7,180	7,029	(151)	0
Total	42,431	30,369	(3,426)	(8,636)

Recommendations for Slippage to 2021/22

	Slippage to 2021/22
	£'000
Estates	
Nottingham Custody Suite	(32)
New HQ Joint Build	(6,351)
Building Improvement, Renovation & Conversion Works	(53)
SARC New Build	(615)
Estate Improvements	(256)
Northern Control Room Conversion & Refurb.	(360)
Custody Improvements	(139)
Operation Uplift - Estates	(6)
	(7,810)
Information Services	
Technology Services Refresh & Upgrades	(26)
ESN	(800)
	(826)
Total	(8,636)