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OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC) BUSINESS MEETING

Date

6th December 2018

Location

Victory House, Balliol

Duration

11:00 – 11.30

Present:

Vera Baird – Police and Crime Commissioner
Scott Duffy - Director of Governance and Communications
Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff
John Leslie – Estates Manager, NP
Dean Lowery – Officer of the PCC
Mike Tait – Joint Chief Finance Officer

OPEN SESSION

1. OPCC UPDATE

The Chief of Staff presented the Commissioner with an update report relating to the OPCC grants programme, revenue and capital financing position and spend against the reserves and specific grants received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner between 1st April 2018 and 30th November 2018.

It was noted that on 26th July 2018 the Q1 report confirmed that MOJ Victims Services Grant of £1,679,195 was fully allocated for 18/19 and that £98,073 remained in the PCC discretionary fund of £750,000.

In relation to the discretionary fund, since June 2018 there has been 15 further Commissioners Community Fund Grants Awarded to the value of £27,198. Funding provision from the PTF Whole System Approach to Domestic Abuse Project to fund the DVSA car and worker to the value of £154,979.

This leaves the balance of the discretionary fund currently at £225,854

It was noted that the 2018/19 approved budget for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is £2.061m and at 30th November 2018 there is a forecast outturn of £1.937m, reflecting an in year under spend of £0.120m with the Joint Chief Finance Officer confirming this could likely increase due to underspend in certain project areas.

It was noted that in relation to Capital Financing there Commissioner has an underspend of £0.136m.

The Commissioner was informed of recent grants received by the OPCC with discussions regarding addition grant funding to be undertaken resulting in a proposal report for how this funding can be utilised.



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AGREED: That the minutes were agreed as a true record.

2. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2018/19

The Joint Chief Finance Officer presented the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2018/19.

The Joint Chief Finance Officer confirmed that the Joint Independent Audit Committee had approved the report as accurate at their meeting held on 23rd July 2018.

- Forecast borrowing costs are under budget due to a lower borrowing requirement in relation to the capital programme, new PWLB borrowing being deferred to later in the year on advice from Link Asset Services and preferential interest rates achieved in the first half of the financial year.
- Forecast investment income received is greater than the budget estimate, reflecting preferential interest rates achieved in the first half of the financial year and an increase in Bank Rate earlier than anticipated.
- Complied with financial regulations and all prudential indicators have been within the limits set for the year.

AGREED: That the Treasury management Mid-Year Report 2018/19 was approved.

3. POLICE PROPERTY FUND

The Joint Chief Finance Officer presented a report to advise the PCC of the funds available for disposal under the Police (Property) Act 1897 and donations made during 2017/18 financial year.

The balance at the 31st March 2018 was £102,716, which less the agreed administration charge of 15% (£15,407) leaves a further £87,309 available for disposal. When added to the £25,404 from the previous year the total balance for disposal is £112,713.

A payment of £2,000 have been made to the Care of police Survivors (2nd year payment of 3 year agreement).

The total remaining balance now available for disposal in 2018/19 is £110,713.

A key decision was also presented which included a recommendation and to seek agreement for the below donations:

- £1,000 to Bright Futures - Supporting Women's Homelessness – Winter Homeless Packs for those who may find themselves in financial difficulty through no fault of their own.
- £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs.
- £2,000 to the Care of Police Survivors – (2nd year of a three year agreement).
- £44,000 to Victims First Northumbria to fund on a fixed term contract:
 - an administration assistant to facilitate data sharing to deliver the 'enhanced' service for victims and witnesses in the light of a partner agency to data access, and
 - an ISVA

This therefore leaves £60,713 for future disbursements.

AGREED: That the donations a recommended are approved.



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4. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no further business to discuss



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