

## LEICESTERSHIRE CONSTABULARY

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SUBJECT: **Budget & Efficiency Plan Monitoring 2009/10 – October (Period 7)**

### **Introduction**

This report summarises the revenue and capital budget monitoring positions and the current status of Efficiency Plan savings as at 31 October 2009.

### **Summary of Projected Revenue Outturn**

The table below summarises the projected outturn for 2009/10.

	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Approved Revenue Budget 2009/10</b>		<b><u>169,838</u></b>
<b>Projected Overspends</b>		
Scientific Support Department	153	
Police Pensions	<u>143</u>	296
<b>Projected Underspends</b>		
Police Pay, Allowances & Secondments	(560)	
Central & Financing Items	(222)	
Contact Management Centre	(134)	
Community Safety Bureau	(60)	
Procurement & Support Services Department	(45)	
Professional Standards Department	(41)	
Learning & Development Department	(30)	
Growth & 2008/09 Carry Forwards	(24)	
Crime Support Department	(24)	
Corporate Development Department	(10)	
Special Constabulary	<u>(9)</u>	<u>(1,159)</u>
<b>Projected Revenue Budget Underspend 2009/10</b>		<b><u>(863)</u></b>

## **Projected Overspends**

### Scientific Support Department £153k

Higher than expected police staff turnover savings offset by increased costs for Forensic Science Service charges in respect of Major Crime casework, will result in a projected overspend of £153k.

### Police Pensions £143k

Higher than forecast Injury on Duty Awards to date will realise a projected overspend of £143k.

## **Projected Underspends**

### Police Pay, Allowances & Secondments £(560)k

An underspend of £560k is currently forecast due to : 1) higher than anticipated ACPO Terrorism and Allied Matters specific grants of £121k, 2) additional income of £307k generated through increased numbers of seconded officers, and 3) cancellation of the January and March recruitment intakes (total of 31 officers) which will realise savings of £132k.

### Central & Financing Items £(222)k

The current projected underspend of £222k is attributable to :1) increases in Special Policing Charges of £154k, 2) reduced costs of the Regional Collaboration Team at Newark of £75k, 3) corporate IT infrastructure savings of £105k, 4) Capital Programme slippage resulting in reduced debt charges of £329k, 5) utility procurement savings of £97k, offset by : 6) Inflation Contingency and miscellaneous overspends of £110k, 7) a reduction in investment income of £306k arising from the significant reduction in the prevailing Bank of England base rate, 8) redundancy costs and ex-gratia payments of £57k, and 9) HMRC National Insurance costs on Occupational Health benefits in kind of £65k.

[NB. This projection includes provisions for the following bad debts : 1) the Aswell Prison Disorder in August, resulting in unbudgeted expenditure of £98k which is now unlikely to be refunded by the Home Office, and 2) the provision of Special Policing Services in July to Donington Park Leisure Ltd for the Donington Park Motor Cycle Grand Prix totalling £121k as the company went into administration during October.]

### Contact Management Centre £(134)k

A projected underspend of £134k is currently forecast arising from reduced overtime costs and higher than anticipated police staff turnover savings.

### Community Safety Bureau £(60)k

Higher than anticipated police staff vacancies will result in a projected underspend of £60k.

#### Procurement & Support Services Department £(45)k

An underspend of £45k has been identified regarding desk top printers, postage and staff turnover, alongside additional Reprographics income generation.

#### Professional Standards Department £(41)k

Higher than anticipated police staff vacancies will result in a net underspend of £41k.

#### Learning & Development Department £(30)k

DeMontfort University contractual savings in relation to probationer courses will result in an underspend of £30k.

#### Crime Support Department £(24)k

Miscellaneous net underspends of £24k are currently projected.

#### Corporate Development Department £(10)k

Miscellaneous net underspends of £10k are currently projected.

#### Special Constabulary £(9)k

Lower than anticipated stab vest costs and mileage claims will result in an underspend of £9k.

#### **2008/09 Carry Forwards**

Approved 2008/09 carry forwards total £1,918k. To date, virements amount to £758k whilst miscellaneous underspends of £24k have been identified.

#### **Growth Funding 2009/10**

Growth funding totals £323k. To date, virements amount to £219k.

#### **BCU Fund**

The BCU Fund for 2009/10 totals £656k. To date, expenditure amounts to £349k. It is anticipated that the BCU Fund will be fully utilised in year.

#### **Capital**

The revised 2009/10 Capital Programme (which takes into account 2008/09 year end adjustments) currently totals £7.8m.

The table overleaf summarises the budgetary position as at 31 October (see Annex 2 for further details).

<b>Item</b>	<b>Programme Budget £000</b>	<b>Spend to Date £000</b>	<b>Balance Outstanding £000</b>
Estates	2,549	1,572	977
Information Technology	2,803	699	2,104
Vehicle Fleet	1,017	665	352
Other	<u>1,394</u>	<u>446</u>	<u>948</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>7,763</u></b>	<b><u>3,382</u></b>	<b><u>4,381</u></b>

### **Efficiency Plan**

Home Office Guidance stipulates that Forces should achieve efficiency savings equal to 10.3% (£18m) of 2007/08 gross revenue expenditure over the CSR2007 period 2008/09 to 2010/11.

The Force achieved savings of 4.1% in 2008/09 and is expecting to achieve savings of at least 3.1% in both 2009/10 and 2010/11 to meet the 3 year target of 10.3%. A plan for 2009/10 has been approved separately by the Police Authority and to date, the Force appears to be on track to achieve the 3.1% savings target for 2009/10.

### **Conclusion**

The projected underspend of £863k will change during the remainder of the financial year as a consequence of unforeseen pressures and/or opportunities arising.

The Strategic Financial Planning Group will monitor the situation closely over the coming months and will provide regular progress updates to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.