

Committee(s): Police Authority Board	Dates: 5 June 2024
Subject: 2023/24 Revenue and Capital Budget Outturn-Final	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N/A
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?	N/A
Report of: Commissioner of Police Pol 58a-24	Information
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Summary

This covering report accompanies a slide pack detailing the City of London Police's final revenue and capital outturn for 2023/24, this is unchanged from the provisional outturn presented to the Resources, Risks and Estates Committee on 20 May 2024.

Revenue:

The final revenue outturn for the financial year 2023/24 is £104m against a latest approved budget of £104m, resulting in a balanced outturn position as forecast at Q3. In Q3 pay and other non-pay underspends provided the opportunity for the Force to meet £2.3m direct revenue financing of capital spend and a forecast overspend of £1.3m in relation to the Action Fraud Contact Centre. Further savings against pay, core supplies and services budgets, better recovery of direct and overhead costs from funded activities and the impact of mitigations to reduce the Contact Centre overspend to £0.7m since Q3, has enabled CoLP to (1) mitigate £3.3m of contract extension costs associated with the re-phasing of the Fraud and Cyber Crime Reporting and Analysis Service (FCCRAS) in 2024/25, (2) extend financing of the capital programme by £0.4m and (3) create an £0.8m Action Fraud reserve. It is expected that the creation of this Reserve, taken together with the £3.3m early advancing of CoLP's contribution to the 50:50 cost share arrangement with the Home Office for FCCRAS extension costs, will help to significantly de-risk Police finances in 24/25, particularly in relation to the FCCRAS project.

In support of the provisional outturn position:

- **Slides 2-13** provides variance analysis to the final 2023/24 budget
- **Slide 14** provides a breakdown of overtime by business area,

- **Slides 15-18** provides an outturn summary for each of the business areas. The narrative highlights that whilst the Force is operating at headcount target levels the development of student officers means the allocation is heavily towards Local Policing, with vacancies in other areas.
- **Slide 19** provides a breakdown of the Force's £8.6m mitigations targets for 2023/24
- **Slides 20-22** provides a breakdown of Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) funded activities
- **Slide 23** provides an update on the Force's reserves position as at the end of 2023/24.
- **Slides 24-25** details the 2023/24 outturn against the £1m Police Authority Board Team budget for 2023/24.

Capital:

The CoLP Capital Programme comprises projects developed and managed by the Force. The final outturn on the CoLP capital programme in 2023/24 is £13.903m, which, compared to the budget for 2023/24 of £25.344m resulted in an underspend of £11.441m (summarised in **Slide 26**).

The underspend is largely due to rephasing of FCCRAS milestones of £9.156m to 2024/25. Despite this, the related Home Office capital grant for 2023/24 of £11.2m has been fully utilised, with most of the City funding element being deferred to 2024/25. Underspends on other projects is closely in line with the position forecast at Q3 including the delayed use of the prioritisation and feasibility funding provision (£0.827m), a delay to the Data Analytics Platform Project (previously called Power BI) (£0.435m) and the delivery of the horsebox (£0.400m).

- **Slide 27** provides a more detailed breakdown of outturn capital spend against each project in 2023/24;
- **Slides 28 & 29** provide notes on outturn variations to budget; and
- **Slide 30** provides a breakdown of how the capital outturn spend is funded.

In addition to the CoLP funded projects, CoLP benefits from a number of 'infrastructure' projects led and funded by the Corporation, which are set out on slide 31.

Recommendations

Members of the Police Authority Board are asked to note the revenue and capital outturn for 2023-24 as set out in this covering report and accompanying slide pack.

Appendices

2023/24 Revenue and Capital Outturn slide pack, comprising 31 slides including the covering page.

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