

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

19 JANUARY 2007

Agenda Item	
Report No	

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

To inform the Board of current revenue budget position.

BACKGROUND

The Revenue Monitoring Statement reflects the position of Northern Constabulary at the end of December 2006.

Due to movements in Police Officer numbers through the year, there will be an underspend on this area of the budget at the year end. However, in order to maintain high levels of visibility, it has been necessary for supervisory officers to make the operational decision to 'man-up' by utilising overtime, correspondingly this will result in the overtime budget being overspent at 31 March 2007. The net effect of this situation at the end of the financial year is expected to be an underspend of £266k.

As previously reported the Pension budget is expected to be in an overspend position at 31 March 2007. The overspend reported at the end of October has been reduced by virements and transfer of funds from underspent areas to Pensions which has reduced the expected overspend to £571k. This estimate is based on the number of ill-health retirements which will definitely progress before 31/3/07 and an estimate of those which will potentially progress before 31/3/07. In addition the Force has seen one officer retire before the completion of 30 years service in this financial year – the Board will be aware that only the commutations for those officers eligible to retire in a financial year are budgeted for. The overspend has been increased as a result of lower officer contributions and transfers of funding out of the Pension Scheme for officers who have resigned and chosen to take their contribution to another scheme or been refunded any contributions made.

The final area where we are anticipating an overspend is within premises related costs. Due to the increases being levied by all power suppliers the anticipated overspend is £328k.

No further deviations from budget are expected at this time although the current expenditure position in some areas of the budget is not in line with budgeted expenditure – this will balance out as the financial year progresses.

Members should note the efforts being made in the Force to minimise these anticipated overspends and progress will be reported to further meetings of the NJPB. It is not anticipated that the Force will seek additional funding from the Constituent Authorities to fund an overspend situation – this will be funded from reserves.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board notes the position, in particular the efforts to minimise the overspend amount.

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