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To December 2016 (Quarter 2 to Quarter 3)

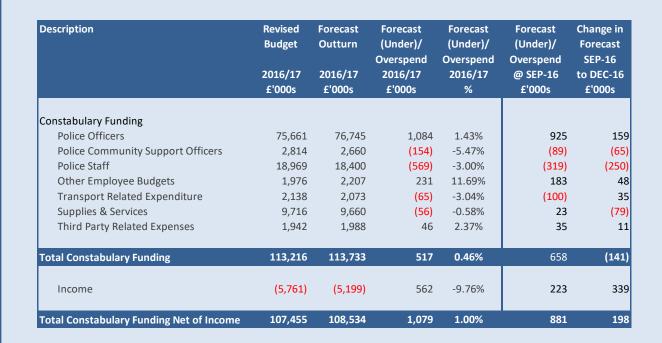
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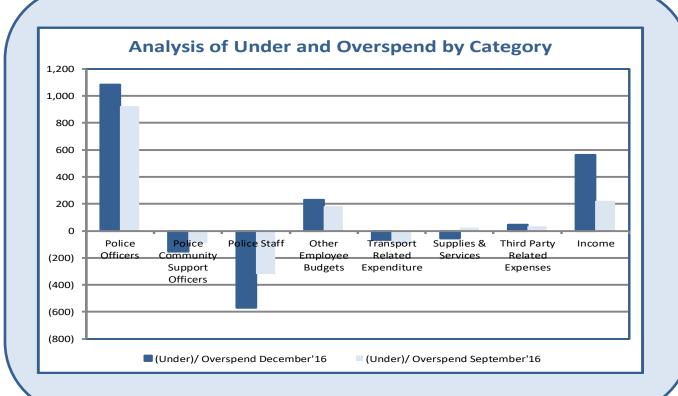
The current forecast of net expenditure amounts to £108.534m compared to a revised budget of £107.455m.

The variance amounts to a forecast overspend of £1,079k (1%) and is made of a forecast overspend on expenditure budgets of £517k (0.46%) and a forecast under recovery of income of £562k (9.76%).

The forecast overspend at December has increased by £198k (22%) when compared to the figure reported as at the end of September of £881k.

The overspend is made up by overspends on some categories totalling £1.923m which are being partially offset by underspends on others totalling £844k.





The Constabulary overspend has arisen as a result of budget pressures which have emerged since the budget was set in February 2016. The constabulary is continuing to seek to manage expenditure during 2016/17 within the overall funding envelope provided, should this not be possible, a number of options are being developed including the use of the Chief Constable's contingency, use of reserves and potential capital underspends.

The overspend is largely as a result of Police Officer Pay (£1,084k) of which, £241k arises as a result of in year changes against the WFP, £721k in respect of pressure on overtime budgets and £122k arises from an increase in forecast ill health/injury pensions. In addition, pressure on income budgets amounting to £562k has arisen largely as a result of planned income for special policing services slipping into the 2017/18 financial year. Other employee budgets are showing the pressures of the increased level of recruitment, agency staffing and redundancy/pension costs for which there is no budget.

These overspends are being offset to a degree by underspends on police staff costs which have arisen as a result of increased levels of vacant posts, savings delivered early in respect of the change programme and increased levels of maternity leave.

Change between September and December

The forecast overspend has increased by £198k (22%) when compared to that forecast at the end of quarter 2 in September. The main reasons for this increase are:

- An increase in respect of police officers pay (£159k) partly as a result of an additional ill
 health/injury pension being forecast (£55k) and partly due to an increase in forecast overtime
 expenditure (£197k) being offset by a number of smaller changes against the workforce plan (£93k).
- A forecast reduction in income (£339k) as a result of planned income in respect of special policing services slipping into 2017/18.
- The above two increases are offset by a forecast reduction in police staff pay as a result of an increased number of vacancies and smaller forecast reductions in respect of PCSOs and supplies and services.