

## **FINANCIAL POSITION PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND REGIONAL WORKING PROJECT**

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Members on the financial position of the Protective Services project and the Regional Working project.
2. The financial information contained in this report is based on period 12 (March 2009) outturn figures.

### **BACKGROUND**

3. A permanent budget of £750,000 per financial year was allocated for protective services and regional working in the 2007/08 – 2011/12 Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
4. In 2008/09, this budget has been increased by £12,500 as a result of underspend from 2007/08 that was carried forward, reduced by £31,220 as a result of savings identified through the Protected Budget Review and increased by £2,280 from the Contingency Reserve to account for the increase to staff costs as a result of 2008/09 pay awards.
5. The total budget for 2008/09 is therefore £733,560.

### **OPTIONS/RISK**

6. Expenditure as at end of Period 12 (March 2009) on the Humberside Police Protective Services Project Team is £116,786, with a further £686,269 expended on protective services and regional working by Humberside Police, including contributions to the regional programme. The total expenditure to date is therefore £803,055.
7. Some of this expenditure will be recovered from the region, with income of £201,093 received in total.
8. The total net expenditure is £601,961, resulting in an underspend of £131,599. However, there are outstanding invoices to the value of £96,821 in relation to Humberside contribution to Protective Services, which do not appear as accruals but as commitments against 2009/2010 budget allocation.

9. The latest regional financial position was presented to the Regional Programme Board on 26 February 2008. This identified a regional underspend of £300,000 to be carried forward to 2009/10.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. It is anticipated that there will be an underspend of £131,599.
11. It may be necessary to utilise a proportion of the underspend in 2009/10 to support the integration of Humberside Police into the regional Strategic Roads Policing Team.
12. The £300,000 regional underspend identified above is the result of income to the region from charges made to the four Police Authorities in 2008/09 that will not be expended until 2009/10. No underspend will be incurred by the Humberside Protective Services project as a result of the regional carry forward.
13. Total budget for the next financial year 2009/2010 will be £750,000. However it should be noted that this does not include Humberside provision towards the Strategic Roads Policing Team. Indicative costs are £77,000 but these have yet to be ratified.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

14. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

16. Not applicable.

### **CHILDREN ACT 2004**

17. Not applicable.

### **CONCLUSIONS**

18. An underspend is forecast on the protective services project of £131,599.
19. A request to carry forward this underspend may be presented to Finance Committee on 31 May -

- £96,281 to fund outstanding invoice shown as commitment in 2009/2010.
  - £34,778 to support the integration of Humberside Police into the Regional Strategic Roads Policing Team for one year. This was not included in carry forward request previously submitted.
20. There is no impact on Humberside Police budgets as a result of the declared regional carry forward position.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

21. It is recommended that Members:
- i Scrutinise the information in this report

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Background Papers: None