

Governance and Scrutiny Board (GSB), 16th November 2022 15:00-16:00

Venue: Teams Meeting

Attendees:

- **Police and Crime Commissioner**
- **Chief Constable**
- **OCC CFO**
- **OPCC Director of Performance and Accountability**
- **OPCC CFO**
- **OPCC Senior Performance and Governance Manager**
- **Director of Legal Services**
- **OPCC Finance and Commissioning Manager**

Item No	Item Name
1	Apologies: OPCC Chief of Staff
2	<p>Information Governance Business Case</p> <p>The Board discussed the Business Case that had been circulated, clarifying the role of the Information Security Officer; the responsibility balance between Legal and IT; the procurement process and the cyber security of any sub-contractors.</p> <p>PCC confirmed support for the business case.</p>
3	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a. Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Update (Verbal)</p> <p>The OCC CFO confirmed the draft MTFP would be presented to GSB in early December. A number of pressures identified to be addressed for example utilities; Sept Consumer Price Index figure; the need to consolidate pay awards. The Board also noted the police are awaiting the announcement from the Government on settlement award.</p> <p>Council Tax position has improved with base growth of 1.6% rather than 1.0%, creating a surplus, rather than a deficit, on the collection fund.</p> <p>The PCC confirmed his principles to be used to assist in drafting the MTFP to reflect visible policing, to include buildings that are visible as police buildings even if not public facing. The PCC would be happy to invest to create savings. Revisit Core Policing requirements – COG and OPCC to consider and build 5 year plan.</p> <p>b. Quarter 2 Financial Performance Report</p>

	<p>The Board discussed the report, acknowledging that whilst overall it is within budget there are some pressures noted, such as the overspend on overtime. The additional events seen through the year needing mutual aid and the recruitment process were identified as causing this. Future budgets will include planning for medium sized national events to mitigate the overspend.</p> <p>The OCC CFO advised the board that the variables such as the police staff pay award; supply chain issues on fleet management and estates and fluctuating fuel costs are not expected to have a significant impact on the budget.</p> <p>Current forecast is based on 25 officer leavers per month, whilst the actual rate is currently nearer to 20.</p> <p>c. OPCC 2022/23 Mid-Year Outturn and 2023/24 Budget Report</p> <p>The Board noted the report and had no further comments.</p> <p>d. Half-Year Treasury Management Report</p> <p>High level points from the report drawn out: Debt is limited due to capital spend; Counterparty risks improved; Investment returns increased; Stable platform; Sub-contracted to Somerset County Council with oversight of performance by OPCC CFO and GSB.</p>
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5	<p>Publication (agree any items for publication other than the Minutes and Decision Notices)</p> <p>a. Quarter 2 Financial Performance Report</p> <p>b. OPCC 2022/23 Mid-Year Outturn and 2023/24 Budget Report</p> <p>c. Half-Year Treasury Management Report</p>

Date of the next Governance and Scrutiny Board:

Full GSB 7th December 2022, 13:00 – 15:30