



GROUP STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

2015/16

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CHESHIRE POLICE

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Message from your Commissioner and Chief Constable

Welcome to this summary of the Commissioner's and Chief Constable's Group Statement of Accounts for 2015/16 that has been produced to provide clear information and aid understanding. You can access a full copy of the published accounts on the Cheshire Police website at www.cheshire.police.uk.

In May 2016, David Keane was elected as the second Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire. In 2015/16, crime prevention and crime reduction strategies have been delivered to drive down crime. The crime data shows that the total number of recorded crimes has fallen by 3.0% from the year before. This means that there were 1,600 fewer victims of crime and crime is now at the lowest level since 1990. For further details please see the Annual Report on the Commissioner's website at www.cheshire-pcc.gov.uk.

The 2015/16 budget was prepared reflecting real term reductions of £7.8m, due to reductions in government funding. Savings of £6.9m have been identified as part of the 2016/17 budget. We try to ensure that we protect local neighbourhood policing and roles that protect the public.

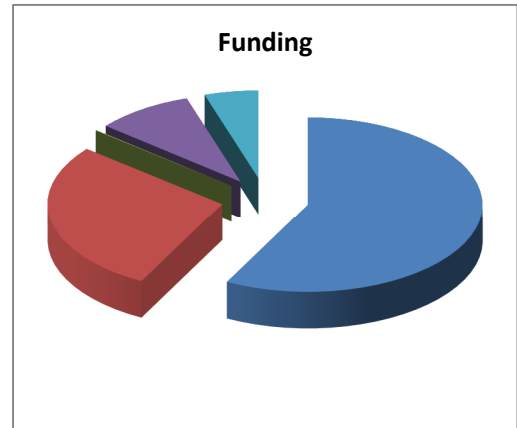
These 2015/16 summary accounts explain how we were funded and what we spent it on together with the performance levels achieved.

David Keane
Police & Crime Commissioner

Simon Byrne
Chief Constable

WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM?

	Funding £000	
Government Grants	(112,490)	57.7%
Council Tax - Precept	(55,081)	28.2%
Interest on Balances	(182)	0.1%
Specific Grants	(17,642)	9.0%
Service Income	(9,721)	5.0%
	(195,115)	100.0%

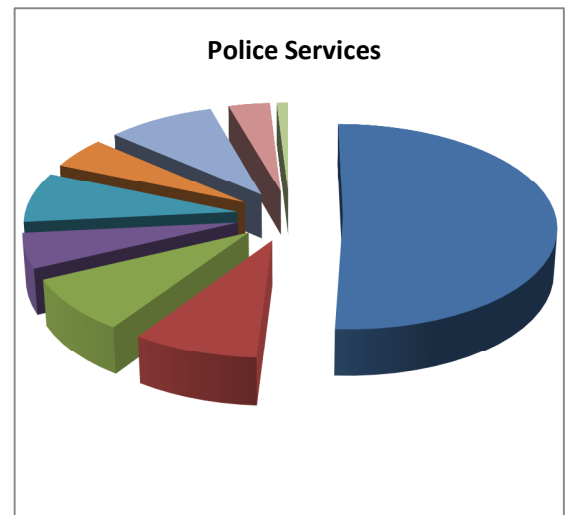


Your Council Tax contributes 28.2% towards the cost of policing Cheshire, with Government grants, business rates and other income providing the rest.

HOW WAS IT SPENT?

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement on page 14 shows Cheshire Police spent £195m in 2015/16 in providing the following police services.

Police Services:	Expenditure £000	
Local Policing	94,133	50.9%
Dealing with the Public	15,798	8.5%
Criminal Justice Arrangements	15,674	8.5%
Roads Policing	10,112	5.5%
Specialist Operations	14,739	8.0%
Intelligence	9,229	5.0%
Specialist Investigations	16,896	9.1%
Investigative Support	6,500	3.5%
National Policing	1,781	1.1%
	184,862	100.0%
Corporate Costs & Accounting Adjustments *	15,397	
Transfers to/(from) Reserves	(5,143)	
	195,115	

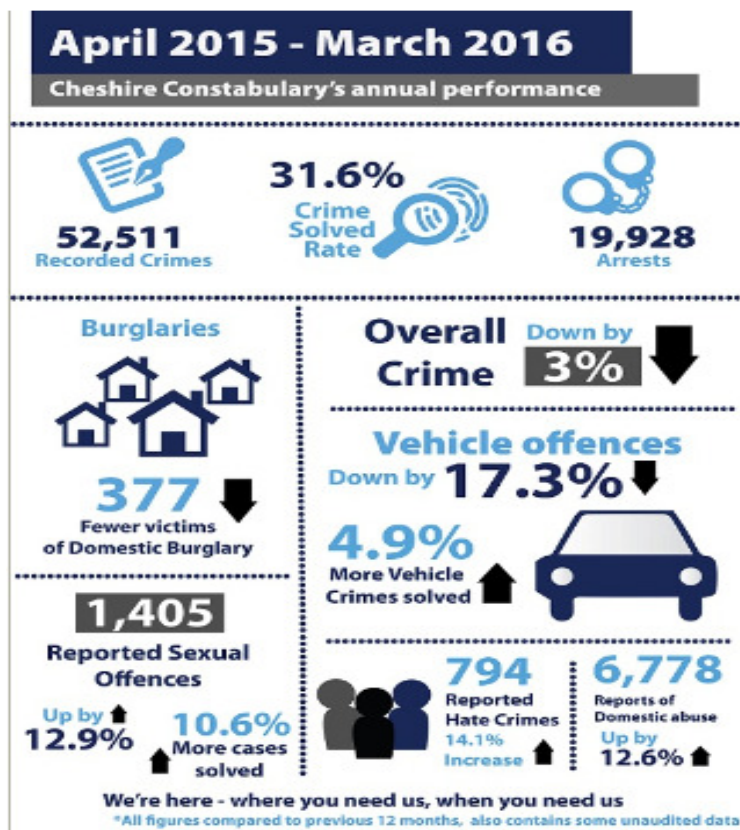


* Accounting adjustments are for the non-cash expenditure such as depreciation, actuarial pension costs together with the cash expenditure not allocated to a service, for example the minimum revenue provision for capital financing.

Performance in 2015/16

The Constabulary produces and analyses data in order to assess performance. This assessment covers both financial and non-financial factors and features data which is captured by the Home Office on a national level.

The Constabulary has seen a 3% reduction in overall crime, which equates to 1,609 fewer crimes when compared with last year. In addition the Constabulary has increased the solved rate to 31.6%. Across the Constabulary, solved rate increases were achieved in relation to Theft of a Vehicle (+23.8%); Sexual offences (+10.6%) and Robbery (+9.2%) when compared with the previous year. The Constabulary has also seen a reduction of 16.8% (1,154) in Serious Acquisitive Crime when compared with the previous year. This reduction has been observed in all component parts of Serious Acquisitive Crime with the exception of Robbery where a 14.5% (34) increase has been recorded. To illustrate these achievements further:



SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

The balance sheet shows the value of the Commissioner’s assets against his liabilities.

31 March 2014	31 March 2015		31 March 2016
£m	£m		£m
87.7	82.2	Long Term Assets*	118.0
0.3	0.5	Stock	0.6
19.0	23.4	Short Term Debtors	23.5
18.5	23.6	Cash and Cash Equivalents	16.3
0.4	1.3	Assets (held for sale)	0.3
125.9	131.0	Total Assets	158.7
(15.9)	(20.1)	Current Liabilities	(21.3)
(26.4)	(25.4)	Long Term Liabilities	(23.3)
(17.1)	(16.9)	Borrowing	(16.8)
(59.4)	(62.4)	Total Liabilities	(61.4)
66.5	68.6	Net Worth Before Pensions	97.3
(1,720.5)	(2,000.7)	Pension Liability**	(1,750.9)
(1,654.0)	(1,932.1)	Net Worth After Pensions	(1,653.7)
		Financed By:	
31.2	36.5	Usable Reserves	28.1
35.3	32.1	Unusable Reserves***	69.1
66.5	68.6	Net Worth Before Pensions	97.2
(1,720.5)	(2,000.7)	Pension Reserve	(1,750.9)
(1,654.0)	(1,932.1)	Net Worth After Pensions	(1,653.7)

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*Whilst the value of Long Term Assets has decreased in recent years, in 2016/17 the five yearly revaluation has resulted in the increase of asset value, owing to an extension in estimated asset life.

** The large pension liability above is included in the balance sheet to show what the Commissioner would owe if it had to pay all the pensions for all the existing and retired officers and staff in the pension schemes on 31 March. This would not happen as the actual payment of such pensions is made over many years and is funded by future contributions from officers and staff, together with Government funding.

*** Unusable reserves includes the capital accounting reserves representing the difference between the current valuation of assets and the historic cost of those assets; accumulated absences (as part of the working terms and conditions, at any given time employees can hold entitlement to leave, time off in lieu or flexi leave for additional hours worked) which are generally taken as leave rather than paid; and the potential impact of any surplus/deficit on the council tax collection fund applicable to the Commissioner.

Capital Investment

To support the changes and savings required in 2015/16, capital investment in new technology, estate management and equipment was identified in the 2015/16 Budget Report together with the annual replacement programmes, which required a proposed 2015/16 capital programme of £35.2m. This was approved on 30 January 2015 at Management Board.

The following tables show how much the Commissioner invested in assets during 2015/16 and how this expenditure was financed.

<u>Capital Expenditure</u>	£000	%
Property	2,343	26.5%
Vehicles	1,387	15.7%
Equipment	4,482	50.7%
Intangibles	621	7.0%
	<u>8,833</u>	100.0%