



NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT BOARD HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2017 IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER, CLEMONDS HEY, WINSFORD.

Present: D Keane, Police & Crime Commissioner
S Byrne, Chief Constable

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

M Sellwood, Chief Executive
L Lunn, Chief Finance Officer
S Pickup, Head of Scrutiny & Planning
M Eaton, Governance Officer

Cheshire Constabulary

J Gill, Assistant Chief Officer
D Bryan, Force Solicitor
W Bebbington, Head of Finance

Part 1 – Public items

The notes of the meeting held on 4 January 2017 were accepted and the action log reviewed.

2017/10 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2017/18

The Commissioner considered the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18 which detailed the associated prudential indicators, annual investment strategy and minimum revenue provision statement.

The Commissioner approved the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18 which included the ratio of financing costs to net revenue funding and the incremental impact on council tax Band D; the authorised limits; the interest limits and maturity structure of fixed interest rate borrowing; the Annual Investment Strategy; and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement.

The Commissioner's rationale for the decision was that the adoption of the Treasury Management Strategy supports his commitment to ensure effective stewardship and efficient use of public funds.

2017/11 2017/18 BUDGET AND COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT

The Commissioner considered a detailed report on the proposed 2017/18 revenue budget and council tax precept. Since the Chancellor's autumn Statement, the Commissioner held a series of meetings with chief officers to develop and refine the budget which had culminated in the final proposal. The proposed precept for 2017/18 would be subject to consideration by the Police & Crime Panel on 3 February 2017. The Commissioner discussed the budget proposals with the Chief Constable to ensure service levels would be maintained.

The Chief Constable supported the proposals and the Commissioner approved:-

- (1) that the Police & Crime Panel be notified it is proposed to increase the police element of council tax by 1.99% for a Band D equivalent property for 2017/18, from £161.23 to £164.44;
- (2) the net budget requirement for the financial year commencing 1 April 2017 be set at £164,909,868 (£192,985,506 gross budget), based on no change to Government grant allocations in the final settlement and, subject to review by the Police & Crime Panel, a Band D council tax increase of 1.99%;
- (3) the proposed 2017/18 precepts be as follows:-

	Number of Band D equivalent houses	Precept on Collection Fund £
Cheshire East	144,201.5	23,712,496
Cheshire West and Chester	116,329.0	19,129,141
Halton	33,818.0	5,561,032
Warrington	66,527.0	10,939,700
Total	360,875.5	59,342,369

- (4) the provisional surplus of collection funds allocated to the Commissioner of £804,920 included in the budget be noted and the accounting for any amendments to this amount through the Medium Term Financial Strategy reserve;
- (5) the provision of £2,019,471 for pay and price increases, as set out in Table 2 of the budget report;
- (6) net commitments of £2,433,698 as set out in Table 3 of the report;
- (7) the priority developments and growth totalling £2,926,519 as set out in paragraph 16 of the report;
- (8) the savings proposals for 2017/18, totalling £5,403,622, as set out in paragraphs 21 to 27 of the budget report for implementation;
- (9) the total estimated number of police officers, PCSOs and staff as follows as at 31 March 2018:-

Police Officers	2003.3
PCSOs	210.0
Police Staff	1231.2
	3444.5

- (10) the Community Safety Fund at £1,019,983 for 2017/18, as set out in paragraph 34;
- (11) the Safer Communities Fund be maintained at £60,000 for 2017/18 as set out in paragraph 35;
- (12) the financial health targets for monitoring purposes as set out below:-

- (i) *Reserves*
That the level of general reserves, after allowing for potential financial risks be maintained, at no lower than 3% of the net budget and that this be monitored by the Commissioner on a quarterly basis.
 - (ii) *Revenue Spending*
That the Chief Constable maintains revenue spending within 1% of the net budget and that this is monitored by the Commissioner on a quarterly basis.
 - (iii) *Capital Programme Management*
That the Chief Constable maintains the projected capital outturn at a level that does not vary from the original capital programme by more than 20%. The total capital programme includes the new schemes for 2017/18 and those schemes brought forward from previous years. This target is to be monitored by the Commissioner on a quarterly basis.
 - (iv) *Debt*
That the Chief Constable collects at least 50% of debtor income within one month of the invoice being raised.
 - (v) *Prudential Indicators*
That the actual prudential indicators be monitored by the Commissioner on an annual basis against the indicators set in the budget.
- (13) the proposed use of reserves as set out at Appendix 4;
- (14) the 2017/18 capital programme of £11,252,000 and financing as set out in paragraphs 36 to 38 of the report;
- (15) those capital schemes annotated as starred items at Part 2, Appendix 7, be submitted in full detail to the Management Board before expenditure is committed; and
- (16) the detailed list of priority developments and growth together with savings as set out in the Part 2, Appendices 5 and 6, together with the list of departmental revenue budgets used for in-year monitoring, in Appendix 8.

The Commissioner's rationale for this decision was that it provided a balanced budget for 2017/18 which will enable Cheshire Constabulary to protect the people of Cheshire and invest in the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan to ensure the police service is focused on community policing, and is ready to meet current and future challenges in a robust, sustainable and efficient way. The increase in council tax reflects the Government's expectations and the outcome of public consultation.

Part 2 – Private item

The following matter was considered in private as it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to Commercial Interests, section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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Appendices 5-8 of the Report

Duration of meeting: The meeting commenced at 10.00am and finished at 11.25am.