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Unaudited Statement of Accounts 2022/2023






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Narrative Statement

Introduction

The Statement of Accounts sets out the overall financial position of the Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary for the year ending 31 March 2023. The accounts have been prepared using the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), in accordance with the *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23*. This narrative provides a brief explanation and overview of the financial performance and activities during 2022/23.

The Chief Constable

The Chief Constable is charged with maintaining the King's Peace and directs and controls the Force's officers and staff. The Chief Constable is accountable to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and must have regard to the Police and Crime Plan.

The core functions of the Commissioner (the 'PCC') for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight are to secure the maintenance of the police force for the area and to ensure that the police force is efficient and effective. Other key functions include:

- Holding the Chief Constable to account
- Appointment / suspension / removal of the Chief Constable
- Setting the priorities for the Force and producing the Police and Crime Plan
- Attending the Police and Crime Panel
- Setting of the annual budget and Council Tax precept
- Direct engagement with the public
- Publishing an annual report stating how priorities and targets have been met, and other information as specified by the Secretary of State to enable greater public awareness of police and crime performance in the area
- Collaborating for an efficient and effective Criminal Justice System for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight with partners such as the Youth Offending Team, Crown Prosecution Service and Prison Service etc.



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- The Chief Constable has established a joint audit committee with the Commissioner. Its purpose is to provide independent advice on the adequacy of the corporate governance and risk management arrangements in place and the associated control environment, advising according to good governance principles and proper practices. More specifically, this includes the following terms of reference:
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 - Review the corporate governance arrangements against the good governance framework and consider annual governance reports and assurances
 - Review the Annual Governance Statements (AGS) prior to approval and consider whether they properly reflect the governance, risk and control environment and supporting assurances and identify any actions required for improvement
 - Consider the arrangements to secure value for money and review assurances and assessments on the effectiveness of these arrangements
 - Consider the framework of assurance and ensure that it adequately addresses the risks and priorities of the Office of the PCC and Hampshire Constabulary.
 - Monitor the effective development and operation of risk management, review the risk profile, and monitor progress of the PCC and the Chief Constable in addressing risk-related issues reported to them
 - Consider reports on the effectiveness of internal controls and monitor the implementation of agreed actions
 - Review anti-fraud arrangements (including whistleblowing procedures) and the assessment of fraud risks and potential harm from fraud and corruption and monitor the effectiveness of the counter-fraud strategy actions and resources
 - Further consideration and advice in relation to Internal Audit, External Audit, Financial Reporting, Partnership Governance and Accountability Arrangements
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- The Police and Crime Plan sets out the Commissioner's vision and priorities for policing and community safety across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and is available on the Commissioner's website at www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk. The vision of the Commissioner is to make Hampshire and the Isle of Wight safer.



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The Chief Constable has set a purpose and six areas of focus for the Constabulary.



In policing terms, the Constabulary is the second largest non-metropolitan force in England and Wales. The combined population of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is approximately 2 million. Further information on achievements and development can also be found on the Commissioner's website and on the Chief Constable's website at www.hampshire.police.uk

Statement of Accounts

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 established the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable as separate entities (known as 'corporations sole'). As separate bodies, both the Commissioner and the Chief Constable are required to appoint their own Chief Finance Officers, each with statutory responsibilities, as being the person responsible for proper financial administration under the provisions of the Act. A consequence is also that each body is required to be subject to audit under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and are thus required to prepare a set of accounts. Additionally, the Commissioner, with their ultimate control over the Chief Constable's resources, has to prepare group accounts.

The Home Office has produced a Financial Management Code of Practice (FMCP) which sets out the responsibilities of the respective Chief Finance Officers. This was updated by the Home Office in 2018.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 outlined a two-staged approach to the establishment of the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the relationship between Commissioners and Chief Constables. The FMCP outlines how the two bodies should work together in managing the finances and covers such things as the Scheme of Corporate Governance which includes the Scheme of Consent, Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders and delegation which identify what powers and responsibilities.



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The Chief Constable's Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 consists of the following:

- Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts
- Movement in Reserves Statement
- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Statement
- Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement
- Expenditure and Funding Analysis
- Notes to the Accounts
- Annual Governance Statement
- Independent Auditors Report

Relationship between Accounting Statements

The different accounting statements are linked in several important ways.

The Movement in Reserves Statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Commissioner, analysed into 'usable' reserves (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other reserves.

The Cash Flow Statement reconciles to the balance on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure account for the year and the movement in Balance Sheet liquid assets and liabilities.

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement balance is reconciled in the Movement in Reserves Statement to the actual movement in the general fund cash reserve.

Changes to the Accounts

There have been no significant changes to the Accounts this year.

Significant changes in accounting policies

There have been no significant changes in accounting policies in the year.



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Underlying accounting principles

Four underlying principles have been employed in order to prepare the accounts so that they demonstrate:

a) Understandability

The accounts are based on accounting concepts, treatments and terminology that assume a reader has:

- A reasonable knowledge of the business of Local Authorities and the ways in which services are provided;
- A reasonable knowledge of accounting; and
- A willingness to study the information required with reasonable diligence.

However, every effort has been made to use plain language and where technical terms are unavoidable they have been explained in the glossary of terms.

b) Relevance

The accounts provide information about the Chief Constable's financial performance and position that is useful for assessing the stewardship of public funds and for making economic decisions. Information is presented so that it will assist readers to understand the Group's current financial position or to make predictions about its financial trends.

The relevance of information contained in the accounts is affected by its nature and materiality (whether its misstatement or omission might reasonably be expected to influence assessments of the Group's stewardship, economic decisions or comparisons with other organisations based on financial statements) and therefore a judgement has been made about the levels of materiality to ensure that relevant issues are disclosed.



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c) Reliability

The financial information within the accounts has been prepared so that it:

- Can be depended upon to represent faithfully what it either purports to represent or could reasonably be expected to represent and therefore reflects the substance of the transactions and other events that have taken place;
- Is free from bias (i.e. it is neutral);
- Is free from material error;
- Is complete within the bounds of materiality and cost; and
- Under conditions of uncertainty, it has been prudently prepared (i.e. a degree of caution has been applied in exercising judgement and making the necessary estimates).

d) Comparability

Comparability (i.e. the ability to compare the Group's performance between financial years and with other organisations), is an important mechanism for ensuring the usefulness of financial information (and is an essential element of the best value accounting framework).

The application of the terms, accounting policies and requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in England (2018) Statement of Recommended Practice and the Service Reporting Code of Practice is the way in which the Chief Constable has ensured consistency of financial information in the financial statements leading to comparability.



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Review of the year

Financial Overview (including economic climate)

In February 2023, the PCC approved funding for the net revenue budget for 2023/24; the net revenue budget for the year was £420m for the Group, an increase of £9m on the previous year.

Pensions

The Chief Constable's and Commissioner's net pension liability is included in the balance sheet in accordance with accounting standards including an estimate of the impact of the McCloud judgement that concluded the transitional provisions introduced to the reformed judges and firefighters pension schemes in 2015 gave rise to unlawful age discrimination. The Government's application to appeal the decision was denied by the Supreme Court on 27 June 2019. Consequently, the Government has stated its intention to engage fully with the Employment Tribunal to agree how the discrimination will be remedied for all the main public service pension schemes, including Police. The actuary has modelled the assumed remedy with reference to developments in the Employment Tribunals of other public service schemes.

Overall, the net pension liability has decreased by £1,319m from £4,132 m at 31 March 2022 to £2,812m at 31 March 2023. The Commissioner's assessed share of the value of the plan assets of the Local Government Superannuation scheme showed a decrease of £6.6m while the assessed present value of the Commissioner's liabilities on all pension schemes decreased by £1,336m.

The large negative IAS19 pension reserve is mainly due to the police pension scheme being an unfunded scheme i.e. with no fund assets to offset future liabilities when existing police officers have all retired. The difference between pension fund outgoings and incomings is met by top-up grant from the Home Office. Therefore, the statutory arrangements for funding the liability mean that the Commissioner's and the Group's financial position remains sound.

Although the PCC is responsible for all assets and liabilities, pension liabilities are disclosed in the Chief Constable's Balance Sheet, as the majority of staff are employed by the Chief Constable. While a small number of staff work directly for the Commissioner, the proportionate share of pension liabilities would not be material and so these are included in the total liability on the Chief Constables' Balance Sheet and the Group Balance Sheet, as the PCC has ultimate responsibility for them.



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Reserves

The requirement for reserves is covered in sections 32 and 43 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, which require billing and precepting authorities in England and Wales to have regard to the level of reserves needed for meeting estimated future expenditure when calculating the budget requirement. Earmarked reserves remain legally part of the general fund but are accounted for separately.

All reserves are held by the Commissioner with two exceptions; the accumulated absences account and the pensions reserve. Both of these reserves are unusable (i.e. not cash-backed). The balance on the accumulated absences account at 31 March 2023 was £5.1m (£4.9m at 31 March 2022) and the balance on the pensions reserve was £2,812m (£4,132m at 31 March 2022).

Material Assets Acquired or Liabilities Incurred

There were no material assets acquired or liabilities incurred during the year.

Unusual Charges or Credits within the accounts

There were no unusual charges or credits in the accounting period.

Significant Provisions or Contingencies

As a result of the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the Constabulary is required to accrue for any annual leave, flexitime and time off in lieu which had been earned but not taken at 31 March each year. The amount accrued at 31 March 2023 was £5.1m (£4.9m as at 31 March 2022).

Uncertain Future Events

The United Kingdom exited the European Union on 31 January 2020. Transitional arrangements remain in place but the event has led to continued short-term increased political and economic uncertainty, further impacted by the Covid 19 crisis which has been the main focus of government. Furthermore, the war in Ukraine has impacted on the supply of some raw materials, goods and services, resulting in higher than expected inflation. It is too early to predict the impact on the financial statements, as the long-term effects are still uncertain, and there is likely to be significant ongoing uncertainty for some time. The PCC and Chief Constable will continue to review the impact in the coming months.



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Collaborative working

The Commissioner and the Constabulary continue to work with police bodies, including the National Police Air Service, Police Digital Service, the South East Region Organised Crime Unit and Counter Terrorism Policing South East. There is increasing national co-ordination through the Policing Vision 2025 and work of the National Police Chiefs Council.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary and Thames Valley Police have a bilateral partnership. The Commissioner and Chief Constable have entered into a collaboration agreement with Thames Valley in order to create a joint Information & Communications Technology (ICT) and Information Management department, with a shared Assistant Chief Officer having direct responsibility for the provision of ICT and information management assurance for both Forces.

A Joint Operations Unit (JOU) exists with Thames Valley Police allowing strategic operations, roads policing, firearms and dogs units, to be delivered in collaboration between the two forces across departmental and geographical boundaries (although not a collaborated function, the Hampshire Constabulary Marine Unit is also managed through the Joint Operations Unit). A collaboration agreement also exists for Contact Management senior leadership and the contact management platform.

The Forensic Collision Investigation Unit is a collaborated function that has been moved out of the JOU and into Scientific Services Department due to new accreditation requirements. The Constabulary is also part of the Forensic Collision Investigation Network national collaboration that holds the overarching accreditation for all police forces in England and Wales.

Bluelight Commercial has been created to provide national procurement solutions within the police service. Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary also purchases most uniform through the National Uniform Management Service (NUMS).

The Policing and Crime Act 2017 placed a statutory obligation on emergency services to collaborate and enables Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to take on the responsibility for fire and rescue services in their area, where there is a strong local case to do so.



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The Constabulary has an active programme of collaboration with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services. This already includes the sharing of buildings, including a shared headquarters.

In line with the provisions within the Police and Crime Act 2011, the PCC undertook an options appraisal during 2017/18 to review the governance arrangements for Fire. The outcome was that the PCC has determined not to submit a business case to change the current governance arrangements at the present time.

The Constabulary entered into a joint working arrangement in 2014/15 with Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service for the provision of professional support services including finance, human resources, facilities management and procurement across the three organisations. Internal audit and pensions services have subsequently been added. The services are hosted but not controlled by Hampshire County Council as they are delivered with joint direction, governance, control and senior management with each organisation accounting for its share of the costs.

Hampshire Constabulary is collaborating with Hampshire County Council on a joint laboratory facility and with the University of Portsmouth on a shared Digital Forensics centre of excellence.

The Association of Chief Police Officers' Criminal Records Office (ACRO) and its associated national units are hosted by Hampshire. Collaborative agreements in respect of ACRO are in place with all 43 forces in England and Wales as at 31 March 2023.



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Performance

The financial performance of the group over the year is set out in this narrative statement and more detail is shown in the accounts which follow.

Strategic risk registers are maintained by both the Commissioner and the Chief Constable on separate risk registers and are reported to each meeting of the Joint Audit Committee. Papers for the Joint Audit Committee can be accessed using the link below:

www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/transparency/scrutiny/joint-audit-committee

In April 2023, His Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) reported their Police Efficiency Effectiveness and Legitimacy (PEEL) assessment of the extent to which Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary keeps people safe and reduces crime. The full report is available online:

[PEEL 2021/22 – An inspection of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary - His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services \(HMICFRS\) – Home | His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services \(HMICFRS\) – Home \(justiceinspectorates.gov.uk\)](#)



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The key observations of HM Inspector were:

These are the findings I consider most important from our assessments of the force over the past year.

- Crimes reported by the public are accurately recorded, and in most cases, victims of crime receive an acceptable response
- We found good work with partners to protect victims of domestic abuse and child criminal exploitation
- Neighbourhood police officers are often taken away from their core tasks
- The force prioritises resources according to its understanding of risk, but it struggles to fully manage the wider effect of demand on the way it carries out its activities

“Overall, we found that the force was managed efficiently. It has one of the lowest amounts of funding per head of population in England and Wales, which influences the decisions leaders have to make about where to focus resources.”



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Comparison of accounts with the revenue outturn

The Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is presented in a format that complies with the Code of Practice and shows the net cost of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. These costs include charges for the Commissioner's pension scheme (in accordance with International Accounting Standard 19 – IAS19) as well as depreciation and losses on disposal or impairment of property, plant and equipment assets, and other adjustments.

This is a different basis to the way the management accounts are produced. For the purpose of setting the council tax precept each year certain charges, such as depreciation of assets and the accrual of retirement benefits, should not be borne by the general fund. The management accounts which are reported to the Commissioner and Chief Constable throughout the year exclude such charges and accounting adjustments and are used to monitor the budget, as well as informing the setting of the precept for the following year. The management accounts provide for the cost of financing capital expenditure, revenue contributions and actual in year employer's contributions to the pension fund instead of the charges for the pension scheme and depreciation.

As the accounts are prepared in accordance with the requirement of IAS 19 the cost of retirement benefits are recognised within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the liability relating to pensions schemes is included within the long-term liabilities on the Balance Sheet. These liabilities totalled £2,812m at 31 March 2023 which has resulted in an overall negative balance of £2,817m. However, finance is only required for the police pensions when the amounts are actually paid.



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Revenue Expenditure

In 2022/23, the reported outturn position was net expenditure of £393.7m on policing services for the people of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, for the costs of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and for commissioning services in accordance with the Police and Crime Plan objectives.

The table below contains an analysis of the income and expenditure incurred by the Commissioner and the Group in the format of the management accounting figures as prepared for scrutiny by the PCC and senior management in the Constabulary throughout the year and updated with the final outturn figures.

The summary to the right shows net contributions to reserves of £13.235m. This is before adding the general underspend and any transfers to reserves for holding account balances. Taking into account all reserve movements in the course of the year and at the year-end, including usable reserves which were used in the financing of the capital programme, total usable reserves had increased by £28.1m at 31 March 2023.

Outturn 2022/23	Budget £'000	Actuals £'000	Variance £'000
Funding	(409,702)	(409,702)	0
Expenditure owned by the PCC			
Executive	1,315	772	(543)
PCC Business	1,254	1,332	78
Commissioning CJ & Partnerships	3,318	2,449	(869)
Estates	23,517	23,909	392
Capital Financing	2,944	2,944	0
Interest on balances	(500)	(3,111)	(2,611)
Contributions to/(from) reserves	13,189	13,235	46
Net expenditure owned by the PCC	45,037	41,530	(3,507)
Police Service			
Expenditure:			
Employees	307,223	294,570	(12,653)
Indirect Employee Costs	6,008	8,478	2,470
Premises	1,725	910	(815)
Transport	7,745	8,282	537
Supplies & Services	21,796	21,290	(506)
Third Party Payments	83,341	83,158	(183)
Support Services	3,774	3,959	185
Total Expenditure on Police Services	431,612	420,647	(10,965)
Income:			
External Income (incl Grants & Contributions)	(63,341)	(64,669)	(1,328)
Internal Income	(3,606)	(3,765)	(159)
Total Income on Police Services	(66,947)	(68,434)	(1,487)
Net Expenditure on Police Services	364,665	352,213	(12,452)
Net total expenditure	409,702	393,743	(15,958)
Net total funding/expenditure	0	(15,959)	(15,958)



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Reconciliation to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This table reconcile the management accounts, as per the table on the previous page with the financial accounts presented herein:

	Actuals as per outturn report	Adjustments between accounting and funding basis	Adjustments for other items to match CIES presentation	Net cost of services in the CIES
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure owned by the PCC				
Executive	772	0	0	772
PCC Business	1,332	0	0	1,332
Commissioning CJ & Partnerships	2,449	0	0	2,449
Estates	23,909	15,028	0	38,937
Capital Financing	2,944	0	(2,944)	0
Interest on balances	(3,111)	0	3,111	0
Contributions to/(from) reserves	13,235	0	(13,235)	0
Net expenditure owned by the PCC	41,530	15,028	(13,068)	43,490
Hampshire Constabulary				
Expenditure:				
Employees	294,570	45,300	0	339,870
Indirect Employee Costs	8,478	0	0	8,478
Premises	910	0	(935)	(25)
Transport	8,282	0	0	8,282
Supplies & Services	21,290	0	0	21,290
Third Party Payments	83,158	0	0	83,158
Support Services	3,959	0	0	3,959
Total Expenditure on Police Services	420,647	45,300	(935)	465,012
Income:				
External Income (inc grants & contributions)	(64,669)	0	(14)	(64,683)
Internal Income	(3,765)	0	0	(3,765)
Total Income on Police Services	(68,434)	0	(14)	(68,448)
Net Operational Policing Services	352,213	45,300	(949)	396,564
Past service pension cost	0	3,682	0	3,682
ACRO	0	0	(1,706)	(1,706)
Other items not allocated to services	0	3,682	(1,706)	1,976
Net cost of Policing Services	393,743	64,010	(15,723)	442,030
Other (income)/expenditure	0	102,867	(402,968)	(300,101)
(Surplus)/deficit on the provision of services	393,743	166,877	(418,691)	141,929



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The previous two tables show that there was a Group deficit of £144.7m on the provision of services for 2022/23 in the statutory financial statements (£158.1m deficit in 2021/22) comprised of a deficit of £159m for the Constabulary, partially offset by a surplus of £14.4m for the PCC. This compares to the £16m underspend position reported in the management accounts and reflects the different basis on which the Statement of Accounts is prepared. Thus, the difference from the net position reported in the summary compared to the figures reported to the Chief Constable is due to a number of items which are not included in the management accounting reports. The principal differences between the statutory and the management accounts (i.e. the revenue budget) in 2022/23 are in respect of the depreciation and impairment of assets, the actuarially-assessed charges for police and staff pensions which are earned in the year, an adjustment in respect of capital grants received from the Government and the balances on the collection fund accounts held by the billing authorities.





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Future Prospects

Budget 2022/23, Capital Programme and Medium-Term Financial Strategy

The revenue and capital budget for 2023/24 and Medium-Term Financial Strategy were approved by the Police and Crime Commissioner in February 2023 and published on the PCC's website.

The budget for 2023/24 includes a precept rise of £15 on a Band D property in line with the referendum limit set by Government and taking into account the supportive views of the public consultation and the views of the Police and Crime Panel. A fully balanced budget of £427m was set for 2023/24. However, whilst the MTFS shows a balanced budget position for 2023/24, the position for 2024/25 and 2025/26 is that all other things being equal, further savings would be required in those years to balance the budget.

The capital programme for 2023/24 includes £20.5m of planned expenditure. Of this amount £17.5m relates to new estate and £3.0m relates to replacement vehicles. This is funded by £8.0m of in-year capital receipts and £12.5m from revenue contributions, creating a balanced position.

Going concern

CIPFA's Bulletin 09 'Closure of the 2020/21 Financial Statements' sets out that the provisions in the Code on the going concern accounting requirements reflect the economic and statutory environment in which Constabularies and Police and Crime Commissioners operate. These provisions confirm that neither the Constabulary nor the PCC has the ability to cease being a going concern as described by IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (i.e. management deciding to liquidate the entity or cease trading).

As the Constabulary cannot be created or dissolved without statutory prescription, it would not therefore be appropriate for the Constabulary's statements to be prepared on anything other than a going concern basis. Paragraph 3.4.2.23 of the Code therefore confirms as a matter of fact that local authority (incl. PCC and Constabulary) accounts must be prepared on a going concern basis.

The CFO's management assessment has concluded that there are no proposals to alter the current legal framework for the provision or funding of policing services, and that the Going Concern basis therefore remains appropriate in line with the Code.

Whilst there is no statutory change to this position, it is the responsibility of the CFO to keep the financial position under review and to ensure that budgets set are realistic and deliverable, and that reserves are adequate. Ongoing financial sustainability of both the PCC and the Constabulary has therefore been reviewed and considered in the following narrative.



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The CFO for the Chief Constable has worked with the PCC CFO and is content that, based on this joint review of financial sustainability and the conclusions set out in the PCC's Section 25 report, there are no concerns as to the financial sustainability of the Constabulary. Further information is set out below.

Across the country, the negative impact of inflation on the finances of organisations, both public and private, has been well documented. In the public sector the significant pressures experienced have led to many organisations raising concerns as to their financial stability and sustainability, and a number of Local Authorities have issued Section 114 notices, with others mooted to be close to requiring Section 114 notices to be issued.

However, given the above context it is important to note that whilst policing has been impacted by inflation, the financial impact thus far has been absorbed within the budget and financial planning by the PCC and Constabulary, who have delivered a combined year end underspend for the 2022/23 financial year.

Nevertheless, as part of the assessment of the 2023/24 budget and the MTFS through until 2026/27, the CFOs have considered a whole range of issues which could impact on financial sustainability, and these are detailed in the Section 25 report (appendix I to the 2023/24 Budget report).

The issues considered within the Section 25 report were:

- robustness of estimates in the budget
- risks in the budget 2023/24 and the MTFS
- adequacy of reserves
- reliability / accuracy of budget estimates
- cash flow
- the position beyond 2023/24

In terms of the risk assessment within the Section 25 report, the PCC CFO commented that:

My assessment is that it would take a sustained and significant increase in inflation beyond the current budgeted amounts (including the inflation reserve) to create a financial problem that could not be dealt with in year from reserves.

These identified risks are mitigated, to a certain extent, because:

- the PCC maintains an appropriate level of reserves and balances
- the MTFS includes prudent assumptions as to the level of future precept increases
- the PCC together with the Chief Executive and CFO will proactively manage and monitor all aspects of budget performance during the year'



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Cash Flow

Within the section 25 statement, the PCC CFO also reviewed the Cash Flow position and concluded that:

'I have reviewed, together with the Chief Constable's CFO, the cash flow forecast for the period through until end of March 2024. The cash flow position remains very positive, and I have no concerns as to the cash position'.

In practice, through effective treasury management throughout the year, surplus cash will be invested until required, ensuring that the PCC keeps sufficient but not excessive cash available to meet the PCC's day to day spending needs, while managing the risks involved (in line with the CIPFA code and the treasury management strategy). On that basis actual short term cash balances may be less than forecast as surplus cash will be invested in periods longer than 1 day duration.

Reserves

The PCC has healthy useable reserves (excl ACRO) of £133.1m, including a Grant Equalisation Reserve and a Council Tax Reserve, which can be used to support the budget position in the short to medium-term should it become clear that ongoing savings are required to deliver a balanced budget, and such savings will take a period of time to deliver beyond the budget year in question.

In the Section 25 statement, the CFO concluded that:

"my view on the adequacy of Reserves is as follows:

- i) the level of the General Fund reserve is reflective of the overall risk environment in which the PCC operates
- ii) the level of Earmarked reserves and their purpose are necessary and appropriate
- iii) the overall level of reserves is appropriate given the known financial pressures and risks faced by the PCC"



Narrative Statement

Medium-Term Position

For the position beyond 2023/24, the PCC CFO set out in the Section 25 statement that:

‘the MTFS has been based on prudent funding assumptions, which should mean the PCC is well placed to respond to and manage changes to funding.

As set out earlier, the MTFS is necessarily based on prudent assumptions which do show budget shortfalls across the 3 years post 2023/24. However, whilst there are risks within the MTFS these have been mitigated as far as possible and it would take a significant change in the funding regime to create a scenario which the PCC and Chief Constable could not manage over the course of the MTFS through either planned budget reduction and/or draws from reserves.’

Whilst the current and forecast medium-term financial position remains stable, the PCC and Constabulary CFOs will continue to evaluate any evolving financial impacts to the sector in general and to Hampshire & Isle of Wight in particular.

The financial position and the impact on financial sustainability will be kept under ongoing review going forward.

Treasury Management Strategy

The Capital and Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy are both approved annually by the Police and Crime Commissioner and published on the website. These documents contain a more detailed explanation of the economic outlook and the agreed prudential indicators. The authorised limit for external debt was £89.9m for 2022/23. Debt (£29.7m) did not exceed the Capital Financing Requirement of £53.87m at 31 March 2023.

Environment

The Constabulary will need to continue to operate within a challenging environment. This includes political uncertainty caused by EU exit negotiations and financial uncertainty due to the potential for new Government policies and the review of the funding formula for police.

Further Information

Further information on these accounts is available from the Chief Finance Officer, Hampshire Constabulary, c/o Finance Team, Hampshire County Council, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UB,

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Statement of Responsibilities

The Chief Constable's Responsibilities

The Chief Constable is required to:

- Make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this organisation, that officer is the Chief Finance Officer;
- Manage the organisation's affairs to secure economic, efficient, and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets;
- Approve the Statement of Accounts.

Approval of the Accounts by the Chief Constable

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, I certify that the Statement of Accounts was approved by me on 28 September 2023

Scott Chilton

28 September 2023

The Chief Finance Officer's Responsibilities

The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Chief Constable's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code)*.

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Chief Finance Officer has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting;
- kept proper accounting records which were up-to-date; and
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Chief Finance Officer's Statement

I certify that the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable at 31 March 2022 and the income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Richard Croucher

28 September 2023



Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Chief Constable, analysed into 'usable reserves' (i.e. those that can be applied to fund expenditure or reduce local taxation) and other reserves.

The 'Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure' line shows the true economic cost of providing the Chief Constable's services, more details of which are shown in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

This is different from the statutory amounts required to be charged to the General Fund Balance for council tax (precept) setting.

The Net Increase/Decrease before Transfers to Earmarked Reserves line shows the statutory General Fund Balance before any discretionary transfers to or from earmarked reserves undertaken by the Commissioner and Group.

The Chief Constable does not hold any general fund reserves.

	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Reserves	Note
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Balance at 31 March 2021	0	0	0	0	4,384,196	4,384,196	
Movements during 2021/22							
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	175,480	0	0	175,480	(422,897)	(247,417)	
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	(175,480)	0	0	(175,480)	175,480	0	2
(Increase)/Decrease in year	0	0	0	0	(247,417)	(247,417)	
Balance at 31 March 2022	0	0	0	0	4,136,779	4,136,779	
Movements during 2022/23							
Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	159,027	0	0	159,027	(1,478,352)	(1,319,325)	
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations	(159,027)	0	0	(159,027)	159,027	0	2
(Increase)/Decrease in year	0	0	0	0	(1,319,325)	(1,319,325)	
Balance at 31 March 2023	0	0	0	0	2,817,454	2,817,454	



Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Chief Constable.

The net assets of the Group (assets less liabilities) are matched by the reserves held. Reserves are reported in two categories. The first category of reserves are usable reserves, i.e. those reserves that the Group may use to provide services, subject to the need to maintain a prudent level of reserves and any statutory limitations on their use. The second category of reserves is those that the Group is not able to use to provide services. This category of reserves includes reserves that hold unrealised gains and losses (for example the Revaluation Reserve), where amounts would only become available to provide services if the assets are sold; and reserves that hold timing differences shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement line 'Adjustments between accounting basis and funding basis under regulations'.

The majority of assets and liabilities are held by the Commissioner. The Chief Constable only holds balances in respect of IAS19 (Employee benefits).

31 March 2022		31 March 2023	Note
£'000		£'000	
(4,902)	Short term creditors	(5,139)	
(4,902)	Current Liabilities	(5,139)	
(4,131,877)	Net liability related to pension schemes	(2,812,315)	13
(4,131,877)	Long Term Liabilities	(2,812,315)	
(4,136,779)	Net Liabilities	(2,817,454)	
	Financed by:		
0	Usable reserves	0	
4,136,779	Unusable reserves	2,817,454	3
4,136,779	Total Reserves	2,817,454	

Richard Croucher (Chief Finance Officer)
28 September 2023

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Cash Flow Statement

The Cash Flow Statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents during the reporting period.

All cash and cash equivalents are held by the Commissioner.

2021/22 £'000		2022/23 £'000	Note
175,480	Net (surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	159,027	CIES
(175,480)	Adjustments to net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements	(159,027)	16
0	Net cash flows from Operating Activities	0	
0	Net (increase) or decrease in cash and cash equivalents	0	
0	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	0	
0	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	0	

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Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices, rather than the amount to be funded from taxation.

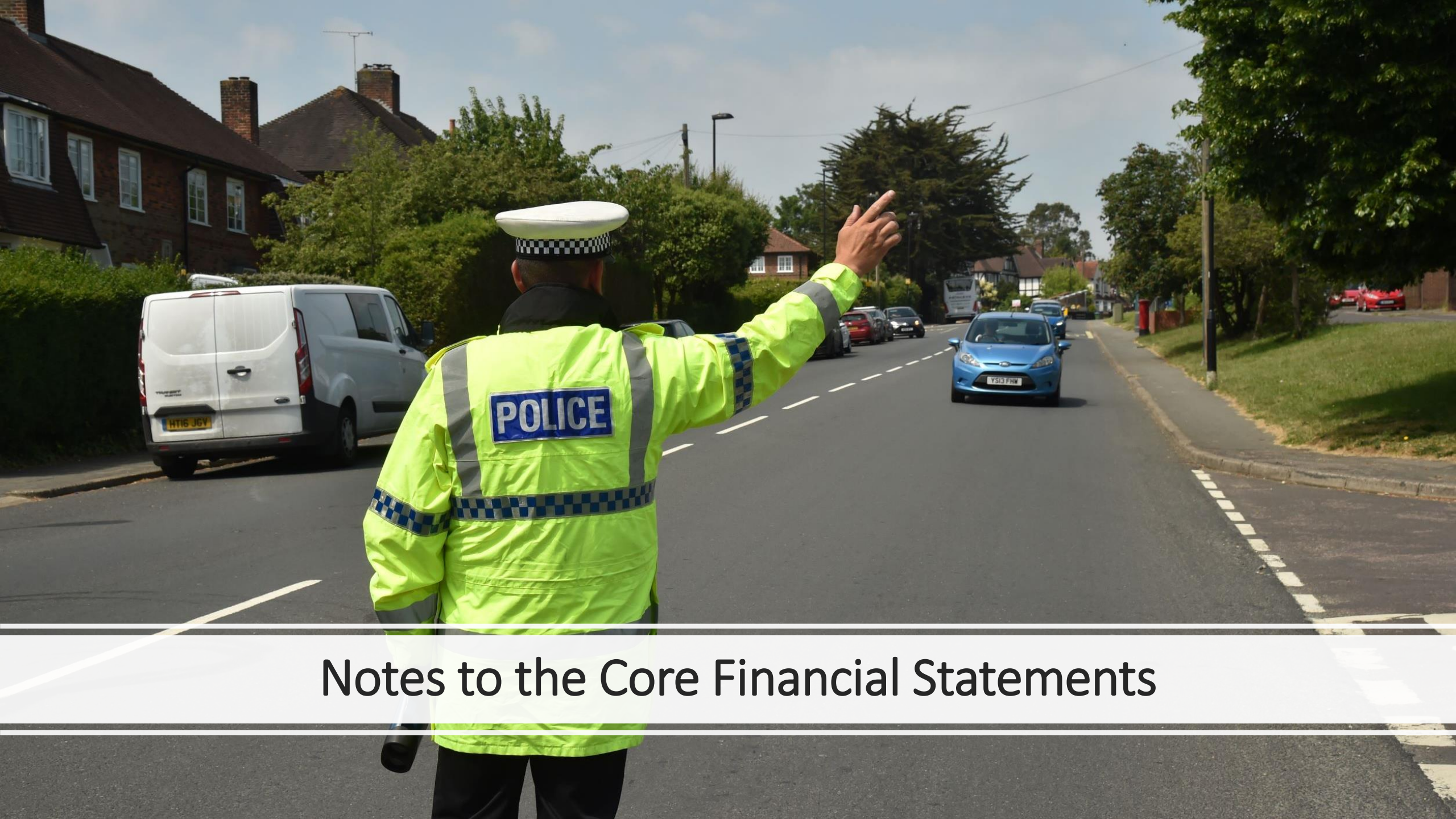
Police and Crime Commissioners raise taxation to cover expenditure in accordance with regulations; this may be different from the accounting cost.

The taxation position is shown in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Gross expenditure £'000	2021/22 Gross Income £'000	Net expenditure £'000		Gross expenditure £'000	2022/23 Gross Income £'000	Net expenditure £'000	Note
484,350	(59,990)	424,360	Operational policing services	465,012	(68,448)	396,564	
19,995	(19,798)	197	Other items not allocated to services	24,537	(22,561)	1,976	
504,345	(79,788)	424,557	Cost of Policing Services	489,549	(91,009)	398,540	10
			Other income and expenditure:-				
52,351	(52,351)	0	Other operating income and expenditure	57,697	(57,697)	0	4
90,905	0	90,905	Financing and investment income and expenditure	110,045	0	110,045	5
0	0	0	Taxation and non-specific grant income	0	0	0	
143,256	(52,351)	90,905	Total other (income)/expenditure	167,742	(57,697)	110,045	
		515,462	(Surplus) or Deficit on the Provision of Services before funding			508,585	
		(339,982)	Intra-group funding			(349,558)	
		175,480	(Surplus) or Deficit on the Provision of Services			159,027	
		(422,897)	Remeasurement of the net defined pension benefit liability/(asset)			(1,478,352)	
		(422,897)	Other Comprehensive (Income)/Expenditure			(1,478,352)	
		(247,417)	Total Comprehensive (Income)/Expenditure			(1,319,325)	

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Notes to the Core Financial Statements



1. Expenditure and Funding Analysis

The Expenditure and Funding Analysis (EFA) shows how annual expenditure is used and funded from resources (principally government grants and council tax precept) by local authorities in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by authorities in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices.

It also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes between the authority's services.

Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund Balance £'000	2021/22		Net expenditure in the CIES £'000		Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund Balance £'000	2022/23		Net expenditure in the CIES £'000
	Adjustments between accounting and funding basis £'000					Adjustments between accounting and funding basis £'000		
341,121	83,239		424,360	Operational policing services	351,264	45,300		396,564
(1,139)	1,336		197	Other items not allocated to services	(1,706)	3,682		1,976
339,982	84,575		424,557	Net cost of Policing Services	349,558	48,982		398,540
0	90,905		90,905	Other income and expenditure	0	110,045		110,045
339,982	175,480		515,462	(Surplus) or deficit on the provision of services	349,558	159,027		508,585
(339,982)	0		(339,982)	Intra-group funding	(349,558)	0		(349,558)
0	175,480		175,480	Net (Surplus)/deficit on the provision of services	0	159,027		159,027
0				Opening General Fund (including earmarked reserves) balance at 1 April	0			
0				Plus net (surplus)/deficit on the provision of services	0			
0				Closing General Fund (including earmarked reserves) balance at 31 March	0			



2. Adjustments Between Accounting and Funding Basis

	2021/22	
	Net change for the pensions adjustments (note a) £'000	Other adjustments (note b) £'000
		Total Adjustments £'000
Adjustments between accounting and funding basis analysis:-		
Operational policing services	82,737	83,239
Other items not allocated to services	1,336	1,336
Net cost of services	84,073	84,575
Other income and expenditure from the funding analysis	90,905	90,905
Difference between the General Fund surplus or deficit and the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure surplus or deficit	174,978	175,480
Note a) Adjustments for pensions:		
Current service cost of funded local government pensions	133,984	133,984
Past service cost of funded local government pensions	1,336	1,336
Interest on net pension liability	90,905	90,905
Total transferred to Pension Reserve	226,225	226,225
Employer's contributions payable to the pension fund transferred from the Pension Reserve	(51,247)	(51,247)
Note a) Total	174,978	174,978
Note b) Other adjustments:		
Difference between accrued cost of employee holiday benefits and those taken, transferred to the Accumulated Absences Account	502	502
Note b) Total	502	502
Total adjustments		175,480
(note i) transfer from capital grants unapplied reserve		0
Total adjustments between accounting and funding basis under statute		175,480



2. Adjustments Between Accounting and Funding Basis

	2022/23	
	Net change for the pensions adjustments (note a) £'000	Other adjustments (note b) £'000
		Total Adjustments £'000
Adjustments between accounting and funding basis analysis:-		
Operational policing services	45,063	237
Other items not allocated to services	3,682	0
Net cost of services	48,745	237
Other income and expenditure from the funding analysis	110,045	0
Difference between the General Fund surplus or deficit and the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure surplus or deficit	158,790	237
Note a) Adjustments for pensions:		
Current service cost of funded local government pensions	102,533	0
Past service cost of funded local government pensions	3,682	0
Interest on net pension liability	110,045	0
Total transferred to Pension Reserve	216,260	0
Employer's contributions payable to the pension fund transferred from the Pension Reserve	(57,470)	(57,470)
Note a) Total	158,790	158,790
Note b) Other adjustments:		
Difference between accrued cost of employee holiday benefits and those taken, transferred to the Accumulated Absences Account		237
Note b) Total		237
Total adjustments		159,027
(note i) transfer from capital grants unapplied reserve		0
Total adjustments between accounting and funding basis under statute		159,027



3. Unusable Reserves

Unusable Reserves

	31 March 2022 £'000	Movement £'000	31 March 2023 £'000	Note
Pensions Reserve	4,131,877	(1,319,562)	2,812,315	3a
Accumulated Absences Account	4,902	237	5,139	3b
	4,136,779	(1,319,325)	2,817,454	

3b Unusable Reserves – Accumulated Absences

The Accumulated Absences Account absorbs the differences that would otherwise arise on the General Fund Balance from accruing for compensated absences earned but not taken in the year (e.g. annual leave entitlement carried forward at 31 March). Statutory arrangements require that the impact on the General Fund Balance is neutralised by transfers to or from the account.

2021/22 £'000		2022/23 £'000	2022/23 £'000
4,400	Balance at start of year		4,902
(4,400)	Settlement or cancellation of accrual made at the end of the preceding year	(4,902)	
4,902	Amounts accrued at the end of the current year	5,139	
502	Amount by which amounts charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement are different from the cost of settlements chargeable in the year in accordance with statutory requirements		237
4,902	Balance at end of year		5,139

3a Unusable Reserves – Pensions Reserve

The Pensions Reserve absorbs the timing differences arising from the different arrangements for accounting for post-employment benefits and for funding benefits in accordance with statutory provisions. The Chief Constable accounts for post-employee benefits in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as the benefits are earned by employees accruing years of service, updating the liabilities recognised to reflect inflation, changing assumptions and investments returns on any resources set aside to meet the costs. However, statutory arrangements require benefits to be financed as the Chief Constable makes employer's contributions to pension funds or eventually pays any pensions for which it is directly responsible. The debit balance on the Pensions Reserve therefore shows a substantial shortfall in the benefits earned by past and current employees and the resources the Chief Constable has set aside to meet them. The statutory arrangements will ensure that funding will have been set aside by the time the benefits come to be paid.

2021/22 £'000		2022/23 £'000
4,379,796	Balance at start of year	4,131,877
(350,501)	Actuarial losses/(gains) on pensions assets and liabilities	(1,458,869)
(51,259)	Government contributions to Police Officer schemes	(56,563)
(21,137)	Return on plan assets	37,080
226,225	Reversal of items relating to retirement benefits debited or credited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	216,260
(51,247)	Employer's pension contributions and direct payments to pensioners payable in the year	(57,470)
4,131,877	Balance at end of year	2,812,315

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4. Other Operating Income/Expenditure

2021/22

£'000

(52,351) Home Office Police Pension Fund Top-up Grant

52,351 Transfer of Home Office Grant to the Police Pension Fund

0

2022/23

£'000

(57,697)

57,697

0





5. Financing and Investing Income/Expenditure

2021/22

£'000

90,905 Pensions interest cost and expected return on pension assets

90,905

2022/23

£'000

110,045

110,045



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6. Government Grants and Contributions

Government grants and third party contributions are recognised as income at the date that the Chief Constable satisfies the conditions of entitlement to the grant or contribution.

Grants and contributions which have outstanding conditions are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors (receipts in advance). When conditions are satisfied, or where there are no conditions attached to the grant or contribution and there is reasonable assurance that the monies will be received and that the expenditure for which the grant has been given has been or will be incurred, the income is credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as follows:

- To the relevant service for revenue grants and contributions and capital grants used to fund revenue expenditure funded by capital under statute
- To the Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income section for non-ring-fenced revenue grants and contributions and all other capital grants and contributions.

Capital grants credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, are reversed out of the General Fund in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Capital grants applied in the year, are posted to the Capital Adjustment Account. Where the grant has yet to be used to finance capital expenditure, it is transferred to the Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied Reserve. Amounts in the Capital Grants and Contributions Unapplied Reserve that are subsequently applied in future years will be transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied to fund capital expenditure.

Where revenue grants have been credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement but are yet to be used, they are transferred to an earmarked reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Once used in subsequent years, they are transferred to the General Fund to fund the revenue expenditure.

2021/22

£'000

Grants Credited to Services

(2,377)	Counter-Terrorism Policing Grant	(2,229)
(6,500)	Op Magenta Special Grant	(7,790)
	0 National Maritime Assessment Centre	(306)
	0 National Law Enforcement Data Programme	(272)
	0 Drug Testing on Arrest Grant	(57)
(99)	Pension Remedy Grant	0
(136)	Op Cobb (Badger Cull) Grant	0
(19)	ESMCP Grant	0
(35)	County Lines Social Media Grant	(84)
(403)	Police Surge Funding Grant	(8,547)
(2,805)	Uplift Enablers Grant	(4,682)
(50)	Ports COVID Policing Grant	0
(30)	Digital Mobile Working Grant	0
(389)	Contributions to National Wildlife Crime Unit (ACRO)	(590)
(36)	Sexual exploitation in the Aid sector (ACRO)	(119)
(28)	Western Balkans Project (ACRO)	(83)
(174)	Pakistan Project (ACRO)	(233)
(22)	Carisecure project (ACRO)	0
(134)	Historic DAF Grant (ACRO)	(223)
(28)	Miscellaneous grants	(46)

(13,265) Total

2022/23

£'000

(2,229)
(7,790)
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0
0
(590)
(119)
(83)
(233)
0
(223)
(46)

(25,261)



7. Officers and Staff Remuneration

Employee Benefits

The Chief Constable employs the majority of staff who previously were under the employment of the Commissioner. As a result, these accounts include all of the related IAS19 Employee benefits adjustments for those employees in the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) and the Police Pension Schemes. Whilst a small number of staff work directly for the Commissioner on delivering their activities, on the grounds that any proportionate share of the IAS19 entries would not be material to the accounts, all of the LGPS IAS19 adjustments are contained in the Chief Constable's accounts.

Benefits Payable During Employment

Short-term employee benefits are those due to be settled within 12 months of the year-end. They include such benefits as salaries, paid annual leave and flexitime for current employees and are recognised as an expense for services in the year in which employees render service to the Chief Constable. An accrual is made for the cost of holiday entitlements (or any form of leave, e.g. time off in lieu) earned by employees but not taken before the year-end which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is made at the salary rates applicable in the following accounting year, being the period in which the employee takes the benefit. The accrual is charged to Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services, but then reversed out through the Movement in Reserves Statement so that holiday benefits are charged to revenue in the financial year in which the holiday absence occurs.





7. Officers and Staff Remuneration

All Remuneration over £50,000 in bandings of £5,000:

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the Chief Constable to report on the number of employees who received remuneration totalling more than £50,000 in the year, grouped in £5,000 bands. The 2015 regulations define senior police officers for these purposes as being those with the rank of superintendent or above

Employee costs - i.e. total remuneration - include salary and taxable allowances paid to officers and staff. It does not include employer pension contributions, nor does it show remuneration net of employees' pension contributions. Where appropriate, compensation for loss of employment is also included. The numbers also include people who are seconded to national roles but whose costs are reimbursed

Excluding Redundancy and Termination Payments

Remuneration Band	2021/22 No of employees	2022/23 No of employees
£50,000 - £54,999	417	524
£55,000 - £59,999	272	297
£60,000 - £64,999	138	164
£65,000 - £69,999	41	63
£70,000 - £74,999	6	23
£75,000 - £79,999	17	9
£80,000 - £84,999	6	12
£85,000 - £89,999	10	7
£90,000 - £94,999	4	6
£95,000 - £99,999	2	6
£100,000 - £104,999	3	3
£105,000 - £109,999	0	2
£110,000 - £114,999	1	0
Totals	917	1,116

Including Redundancy and Termination Payments

Remuneration Band	2021/22 No of employees	2022/23 No of employees
£50,000 - £54,999	417	526
£55,000 - £59,999	272	298
£60,000 - £64,999	138	164
£65,000 - £69,999	41	63
£70,000 - £74,999	6	23
£75,000 - £79,999	17	9
£80,000 - £84,999	6	12
£85,000 - £89,999	10	7
£90,000 - £94,999	4	6
£95,000 - £99,999	2	6
£100,000 - £104,999	3	3
£105,000 - £109,999	0	2
£110,000 - £114,999	1	0
Totals	917	1,119

*Note - These tables do not include the senior employees stated separately

7. Officers and Staff Remuneration

Remuneration for relevant police officers and senior employees

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 consolidated regulations for the disclosure of the total remuneration package of those charged with the stewardship of the organisation, being senior employees or relevant police officers of the Chief Constable. In Hampshire, the relevant police officer is the Chief Constable, who should be identified by name as well as post, regardless of their salary. However, the definition of senior employees for non-police officers is wider and covers those responsible for the strategic management of the organisation. Given the nature of the services provided by the Chief Constable and the make up of the strategic leadership team, the disclosure below includes all chief officers. Only relevant police officers (regardless of salary) and senior employees with a salary greater than £150,000 are named.

The tables provide the relevant disclosures for 2022/23 and comparative information for 2021/22. Where there have been changes in personnel during the current and prior year the part year remuneration is shown on an individual basis over more than one line. This will mean that certain posts are not comparable.





7. Officers and Staff Remuneration

2022/23

Post holder information

	Salary, fees and allowances £	Bonuses £	Expenses Allowance £	Compensation for loss of employment £	Employer's Pension contributions £	Total Remuneration including pensions contributions £	Note
Constabulary							
Chief Constable - Olivia Pinkney (01/04/2022 - 23/02/2023)	182,553	0	0	21,723	0	204,276	
Chief Constable - Scott Chilton (23/02/2023 - 31/03/2023)	18,599	0	0	0	0	18,599	
Acting Chief Constable - Benjamin Snuggs (12/09/2022 - 09/12/2022)	51,392	0	0	0	17,156	68,548	
Deputy Chief Constable (01/04/2022 - 11/09/2022 & 10/12/2022 - 31/03/2023)	101,480	0	0	0	29,767	131,247	
Assistant Chief Constable (01/04/2022 - 11/09/2022 & 10/12/2022 - 05/03/2023)	73,133	0	0	0	20,777	93,910	
Acting Deputy Chief Constable (12/09/2022 - 09/12/2022 & 06/03/2023 - 31/03/2023)	45,751	6,973	0	0	15,610	68,334	
Assistant Chief Constable	114,795	0	10	0	35,119	149,924	
Assistant Chief Constable (27/03/2023 - 31/03/2023)	1,719	0	0	0	511	2,230	
Assistant Chief Constable	107,658	0	0	0	32,909		
Assistant Chief Constable	111,437	0	0	0	34,078	145,515	
	808,517	6,973	10	21,723	185,927	882,583	1

Note 1: The Chief Finance Officer for Hampshire Constabulary is employed by Hampshire County Council as part of the shared services arrangement. The Officer providing this function is included within the remuneration details disclosed by Hampshire County Council. A recharge is made to the Constabulary from the County Council in respect of the cost of the Chief Finance Officer. This charge was £127,676 which includes all employer oncosts.

2021/22

Post holder information

	Salary, fees and allowances £	Expenses Allowance £	Compensation for loss of employment £	Benefits in Kind £	Employer's Pension contributions £	Total Remuneration including pensions contributions £	Note
Constabulary							
Chief Constable - Olivia Pinkney (01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022)	196,323	703	0	703	27,314	225,043	1
Deputy Chief Constable (01/04/2021 - 22/10/2021)	82,256	1,260	0	0	24,722	108,238	
Deputy Chief Constable (03/09/2021 - 31/03/2022)	83,442	0	0	10,067	25,875	119,384	
Assistant Chief Constable (01/04/2021 - 02/09/2021)	50,802	0	0	0	15,399	66,201	
Assistant Chief Constable (14/03/2022 - 31/03/2022)	5,163	0	0	737	1,584	7,484	
Assistant Chief Constable (01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022)	112,636	0	0	0	11,615	124,251	
Assistant Chief Constable (01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022)	63,608	25	0	15,123	18,127	96,883	2
Assistant Chief Constable (01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022)	110,556	0	0	10,926	33,931	155,413	
Assistant Chief Constable - 01/04/2021 - 31/03/2022	117,818	0	0	0	34,936	152,754	
	822,604	1,988	0	37,556	193,503	1,055,651	

Note 1: The Chief Finance Officer for Hampshire Constabulary is employed by Hampshire County Council as part of the shared services arrangement. The Officer providing this function is included within the remuneration details disclosed by Hampshire County Council. A recharge is made to the Constabulary from the County Council in respect of the cost of the Chief Finance Officer. This charge was £124,539 which includes all employer oncosts.

Note 2: The holder of this Assistant Chief Constable post was seconded to a national policing lead post during 2021/22, the costs of which were incurred nationally, which is why the cost to Hampshire Constabulary appears lower in comparison to the other equivalent post holders.



8. Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Chief Constable to terminate an employee's employment before the normal retirement date or an employee's decision to accept voluntary redundancy and are charged on an accruals basis to the appropriate service in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement at the earlier of when the authority can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits or when the authority recognises costs for a restructuring.

Where termination benefits involve the enhancement of pensions, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Chief Constable to the pension fund or pensioner in the year, not the amount calculated according to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, appropriations are required to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for pension enhancement termination benefits and replace them with debits for the cash paid to the pension fund and pensioners and any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end.

In addition to the payments made to staff leaving the organisation, the Chief Constable also made payments to the Local Government Superannuation Scheme which it bears as the employer for the early retirement of eligible staff who are made redundant. No charges were necessary to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to cover the actual or expected payments in 2022/23 (£0 in 2021/22).

Exit Packages

The exit package cost includes compulsory and voluntary redundancy costs, pension contributions in respect of added years, ex-gratia payments and other departure costs.

Exit Package cost band (including special payments)	Number of compulsory redundancies		Number of other departures agreed		Total number of exit packages by cost band		Total cost of exit packages in each band	
	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23	2021/22	2022/23
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£'000	£'000
£0 - £60,000	2	4	16	11	18	15	102	252
£60,001 - £80,000	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
£80,001 - £100,000	0		0		0	0	0	0
Totals	2	4	16	11	18	15	102	252



9. External Audit Fees

The Chief Constable has incurred the following costs in relation to the audit of the Statement of Accounts, certification of grant claims and statutory inspections and to any non-audit services provided by the Chief Constable's external auditors:-

2021/22 £'000		2022/23 £'000
	Chief Constable:	
14	Fees payable to appointed auditor for external audit services carried out for the year	17
0	Scale fee variations for prior year's external audit services paid to the appointed auditor	9
14		26



10. Nature of Expenses

As disclosed in the note to the CIES, during 2022/23 the service segments used by the PCC and Constabulary were updated and the new segments are presented. The prior year figures disclosed in the nature of expenses note have therefore also been updated to reconcile to the new CIES presentation.

The Cost of Services includes the following items of income and expenditure:

2021/22			2022/23
Expenditure in the CIES		Note	Expenditure in the CIES
£'000			£'000
385,413	Employee Benefit Expenses	a	365,715
118,932	Other Service Expenses	b	123,834
504,345	Total Expenditure		489,549
(52,214)	Grants, contributions and reimbursements		(62,544)
(27,574)	Fees, charges and other service income		(28,465)
(79,788)	Total Income		(91,009)
424,557	Net Cost of Services		398,540

- a) Employee benefit expenses include pay, employer national insurance contributions, employer pension contributions and other employee benefits. Accounting adjustments are then made under IAS19 so that the expenditure in the CIES reflects the current service cost of the benefit granted in the period, rather than the payments made.
- b) Other service expenses include costs relating to premises, transport, supplies and services. An accounting adjustment is made so that the charge to the CIES also includes revenue expenditure charged to capital under statute (REFCUS).



11. Income Received from External Customers

2021/22 £'000		2022/23 £'000
(13,063)	Operational policing services	(12,502)
(14,511)	Other items not allocated to services	(15,963)
(27,574)	Total income from external customers	(28,465)



12. Related Parties

The Commissioner, the Chief Constable and the Group are required to disclose material transactions with related parties - bodies or individuals that have the potential to control or influence the Chief Constable or to be controlled or influenced by the Chief Constable. Disclosure of these transactions allows readers of the accounts to assess the extent to which the Chief Constable might have been constrained in its ability to operate independently or might have secured the ability to limit another party's ability to bargain freely with the Chief Constable. In this disclosure, the Chief Constable, as a wholly-owned subsidiary, is included and the note covers the Group as a whole.

The UK Government exerts significant influence through legislation and grant funding. The value of grants received is shown in the Income and Expenditure Account and further details of specific additional grants received are given in note 6.

The Chief Constable makes contributions to pension schemes for both uniformed officers and non-uniformed staff. The Police Pension Schemes are administered by the Chief Constable and the Chief Constable paid £39.3m to the Police Pension Fund as contributions in respect of existing officers and those retiring due to ill-health in the year (£39.6m in 2021/22).

The Local Government Pension Scheme is administered by Hampshire County Council and the Chief Constable made employer's contributions of £13.8m in 2022/23 (£13.3m in 2021/22).



12. Related Parties

The Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to the Chief Constable is employed by Hampshire County Council. The governance arrangements of the Chief Constable and the independence and professional status of the CFO, ensure that this relationship is not compromised.

The Code also requires members of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Officers in the Constabulary and certain other senior officers to declare if there were any related party (e.g. close family or business associates) transactions due to their ability to influence spending decisions. There were no related party transaction disclosures in 2022/23 (none in 2021/22).

The Commissioner and Chief Constable are party to a number of joint working arrangements, providing a wide range of operational policing and business support services both within Hampshire and throughout the South East Region. The key collaborations are as follows:-

Activity	Partners	Lead/ Host	PCC share of costs (£m)
Joint working for support services	Hampshire County Council (HCC), Hampshire and IOW Fire and Rescue Services (HIWFRS)	HCC	9.4
Joint ICT/Information Management Department	Thames Valley Police (TVP)	TVP	25.6
South East Organised Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROUCU)	South East Region Forces (TVP, Surrey, Sussex)	TVP	5.0
Joint Operations Unit	Thames Valley Police (TVP)	HC	27.5

In all of these, Governance arrangements are in place which means that each party can influence the work and priorities of each activity and will have a role in budget setting and overall strategic direction. Where there is a host organisation, they will have day to day operational responsibility and may recruit key post holders. They may also employ the staff working across the partnership area. Where key decisions are made, however, this is generally by a simple majority and no force, authority or combination of such would have de facto control or joint control of the partnership. All of these partnerships have been reviewed in terms of whether they should be part of the group accounts and it has been concluded that they do not. Consequently, the income and expenditure is reported in the single entity accounts of the Commissioner and Chief Constable as appropriate.



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Participation in pension schemes

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers and other employees, the Chief Constable offers retirement benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire, the Chief Constable has a commitment to make the payments that needs to be disclosed at the time that employees earn their future entitlement.

The Chief Constable participates in three post employment schemes:

- The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for Police staff, administered by Hampshire County Council. This is a funded defined benefit final salary scheme, meaning that the Chief Constable and employees pay contributions into a fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the pensions liabilities with investment assets;
- Arrangements for the award of discretionary post retirement benefits upon early retirement in respect of members of the LGPS. Liabilities are recognised when an award is made and the Chief Constable recognises gains and losses in full, immediately through Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure. Note that the employer's liabilities under these arrangements are not material and the relevant transactions and liabilities are included with the overall LGPS funded scheme;
- The Police Pension Schemes for police officers. These are unfunded defined benefit final salary schemes, meaning that there are no investment assets built up to meet the pensions liabilities, and cash has to be generated to meet actual pensions payments as they eventually fall due. Under the Police Pension Fund Regulations 2007, if the amount receivable by the pensions fund for the year is less than amount paid out, the Commissioner must annually transfer an amount required to meet the deficit to the pension fund. Subject to parliamentary approval, up to 100% of this cost is met by a central government pension top-up grant. If however the pension fund is in surplus for the year, the surplus is required to be transferred from the pension fund to the Commissioner to then be paid over to central government.

Note that in the following analyses, the 1987, 2006 and 2015 police schemes are combined into one disclosure. These schemes are valued separately by the external actuary but the charges and credits to the CIES and the net Balance Sheet liability are accounted for as a single item.



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Transactions relating to retirement benefits

The cost of retirement benefits is recognised in the Net Cost of Services when they are earned by employees, rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charges made against the precept are based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of post employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the General Fund Balance via the Movement in Reserves Statement during the year:

The IAS19 accounting standard which applies to post employment benefits has been revised and this came into effect from the start of the 2013/14 financial year. The main impact of this standard for the Chief Constable is restricted to funded pension schemes and has the effect of increasing the charges to the CIES and the net interest expense, which is shown under 'Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure' in the CIES. The actuarial gains and losses on pensions assets and liabilities show with the opposite effect of the changes here: thus that the overall impact on the 'Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure' is neutral.

	Unfunded Police Pension Schemes		LGPS (Police Staff)		Injury Pensions (police officers)		All schemes - Summary	
	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000	2021/22 £'000	2022/23 £'000
Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement								
<i>Cost of Services</i>								
- Current service cost	91,723	65,285	39,342	34,967	2,919	2,281	133,984	102,533
- Past service costs	1,336	3,424	0	258	0	0	1,336	3,682
<i>Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure</i>								
Net interest expense	82,516	100,764	5,949	6,316	2,440	2,965	90,905	110,045
Total Charge to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	175,575	169,473	45,291	41,541	5,359	5,246	226,225	216,260
<i>Other post-employment benefit charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement</i>								
<i>Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability comprising:</i>								
Return on plan assets (excluding amount included in net								
- interest expense)	0	0	(21,137)	37,080	0	0	(21,137)	37,080
- Government contributions to Police Officer schemes	(51,259)	(56,563)					(51,259)	(56,563)
- Actuarial (Gains)/Losses arising:-								
- from changes in financial assumptions	(253,896)	(1,496,460)	(56,952)	(305,058)	(7,464)	(42,610)	(318,312)	(1,844,128)
- from changes in demographic assumptions	(38,168)	0	(6,946)	(5,567)	(1,127)		(46,241)	(5,567)
- from changes in actuarial experience	11,230	346,382	2,544	37,936	278	6,508	14,052	390,826
Total post-employment benefit charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement	(156,518)	(1,037,168)	(37,200)	(194,068)	(2,954)	(30,856)	(196,672)	(1,262,092)
<i>Movement in Reserves Statement</i>								
Reverse charge to Provision of Services	(175,575)	(169,473)	(45,291)	(41,541)	(5,359)	(5,246)	(226,225)	(216,260)
<i>Actual Amount charged against the General Fund Balance for pensions in the year</i>								
Employer's contributions to the scheme	36,354	40,108	11,634	13,815	0	0	47,988	53,923
Benefits paid direct to beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	3,259	3,547	3,259	3,547
Charge on General Fund	36,354	40,108	11,634	13,815	3,259	3,547	51,247	57,470



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Pensions assets and liabilities recognised in the Balance Sheet

The nature of the schemes is explained in note 13 to these accounts and further information is also given in the police pension fund account. Under the projected unit method the current service cost will increase as the members of the scheme approach retirement.

There are no material prepaid or accrued pensions contributions at 31 March 2023.

The nature of the three police pension schemes in operation is explained in note to these accounts. In addition to the police pension schemes the costs of injury pensions falls upon the income and expenditure account.

The amounts included in the Balance Sheet arising from the Chief Constable's obligation in respect of his defined benefit plan are as follows:-

	Police Pension Schemes		Injury Pensions (police officers)		Local Govt Pension Scheme		Total	
	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2023 £000	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2023 £000	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2023 £000	31 March 2022 £000	31 March 2023 £000
Present value of the defined benefit obligation	3,780,033	2,702,755	111,586	77,183	687,476	462,981	4,579,095	3,242,919
Fair value of plan assets	0	0	0	0	(447,218)	(430,606)	(447,218)	(430,606)
Net liability arising from the defined benefit obligation	3,780,033	2,702,755	111,586	77,183	240,258	32,375	4,131,877	2,812,313



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Reconciliation of the Movements in the Present Value of Scheme (Plan) Liabilities

	Unfunded Police Pension Schemes		Local Govt Pension Scheme		Injury Pensions (police officers)		Total	
	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Opening Balance - 1 April	(3,972,905)	(3,780,033)	(699,444)	(687,476)	(117,799)	(111,586)	(4,790,148)	(4,579,095)
Current Service Cost	(91,723)	(65,286)	(39,342)	(34,967)	(2,919)	(2,281)	(133,984)	(102,534)
Interest Cost	(82,516)	(100,764)	(14,642)	(18,490)	(2,440)	(2,965)	(99,598)	(122,219)
Contributions from scheme participants	(14,926)	(15,587)	(5,389)	(5,601)	0	0	(20,315)	(21,188)
Actuarial gains and (losses) arising:-								
- from changes in actuarial experience	253,896	1,496,461	56,952	305,058	7,464	42,610	318,312	1,844,129
- from changes in demographic assumptions	38,168	0	6,946	5,567	1,127	0	46,241	5,567
- from changes in financial assumptions	(11,230)	(346,382)	(2,544)	(37,936)	(278)	(6,508)	(14,052)	(390,826)
Benefits Paid	102,539	112,258	9,987	11,122	3,259	3,547	115,785	126,927
Past service costs	(1,336)	(3,424)	0	(258)	0	0	(1,336)	(3,682)
Closing balance - 31 March	(3,780,033)	(2,702,757)	(687,476)	(462,981)	(111,586)	(77,183)	(4,579,095)	(3,242,921)



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Reconciliation of the Movements in the Fair Value of Scheme (Plan) Assets

	Unfunded Police Pension Schemes		Local Govt Pension Scheme		Injury Pensions (police officers)	
	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000
Opening fair value of assets	0	0	410,352	447,218	0	0
Interest income	0	0	8,693	12,174	0	0
Remeasurement gains and (losses):-						
- the return on plan assets (excluding the amount included in the net interest expense)	51,259	56,563	21,137	(37,080)	0	0
Employer contributions	36,354	40,108	11,601	13,786	3,259	3,547
Contributions by scheme participants	14,926	15,587	5,389	5,601	0	0
Benefits Paid	(102,539)	(112,258)	(9,954)	(11,093)	(3,259)	(3,547)
Closing fair value of assets	0	0	447,218	430,606	0	0



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Note that, whilst not being part of the Police Pension Schemes, injury pensions have been shown for the purposes of completeness. Injury pensions are funded directly by the Chief Constable.

There is a large deficit on the pension schemes overall, and the police pensions schemes in particular. However, statutory arrangements for funding the deficit mean that the financial position of the Chief Constable remains healthy:

- the deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme will be made good by increased contributions over the remaining working life of employees (i.e. before payments fall due) as assessed by the scheme actuary. The last triennial valuation was March 2023;
- finance is only required to be raised to cover discretionary benefits when the pensions are actually paid;
- finance is only required to be raised to cover police pensions when the pensions are actually paid. At present, 100% of the difference between what is paid out to retired members and the sum of contributions from current members and the Chief Constable is met by additional grant from the Home Office.

The regular contributions expected to be made to the Local Government Pension Scheme by the Chief Constable in the year to 31 March 2024 are £14.7m. In addition, Strain on Fund Contributions may be required.

Total expected contributions for the Police Pension Schemes are £89.2m. This figure includes both the Chief Constable's contribution and the Top-Up Grant from the Home Office. In addition, the Chief Constable expects to pay £1.2m directly to beneficiaries of injury pensions.



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Basis for estimating assets and liabilities

The liabilities are the estimated present value of the benefit payments due from the scheme in respect of the employer after the accounting reference date, valued using the projected unit method. Allowance is made for expected future increases in pay and pension and assumptions are made regarding mortality rates.

The Chief Constable employs a building block approach in determining the rate of return on Fund assets. Historical markets are studied and assets with higher volatility are assumed to generate higher returns consistent with widely accepted capital market principles. The assumed rate of return on each asset class is set out below. The overall expected rate of return on assets is then derived by aggregating the expected return for each asset class over the actual asset allocation for the Fund at 31 March 2023.

Both the Police Scheme and the Local Government Pension Scheme assets and liabilities have been assessed by Aon Hewitt Ltd. The principal assumptions used are here:

31 March 2022		31 March 2023
2.9%	Rate of Inflation (CPI) (LGPS)	2.6%
3.0%	Rate of Inflation (CPI) (Police Officer Schemes)	2.7%
3.9%	Rate of increase in salaries (LGPS)	3.6%
4.0%	Rate of increase in salaries (Police Officer Schemes)	3.7%
2.9%	Rate of increase in pensions (LGPS)	2.6%
3.0%	Rate of increase in pensions (Police Officer Schemes)	2.7%
2.7%	Rate for discounting scheme liabilities (LGPS)	4.6%
2.7%	Rate for discounting scheme liabilities (Police Officer Schemes)	4.7%
	Longevity at 65 for current Pensioners (years):	
22.9	Men (LGPS)	23.3
25.4	Women (LGPS)	25.7
22.1	Men (Police Pension Schemes)	22.2
24.2	Women (Police Pension Schemes)	24.3
	Longevity at 65 for future Pensioners (years):	
24.7	Men (LGPS)	23.8
27.1	Women (LGPS)	26.7
23.8	Men (Police Pension Schemes)	23.9
26.0	Women (Police Pension Schemes)	26.1



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

Sensitivity of assumptions

The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions shown previously. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on reasonably possible changes to the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period and assumes for each change that the assumption analysed changes while all the other assumptions remain constant. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be interrelated.

The approximate impact of changing the key assumptions on the present value of the defined benefit obligation as at 31 March 2023 and the projected service cost for the year ending 31 March 2024 is set out here:-

	LGPS			Police Schemes		
	+ 0.1% p.a.	Baseline	- 0.1% p.a.	+ 0.1% p.a.	Baseline	- 0.1% p.a.
Adjustment to discount rate						
* Present value of total obligations (£M)	452.56	462.74	472.92	2,655.00	2,702.76	2,750.90
* % change in present value of total obligations	-2.2%		2.2%	-1.8%		1.8%
* Projected service cost (£M)	14.02	14.69	15.38	23.78	25.06	26.39
* % change in projected service cost	-4.6%		4.7%	-5.1%		5.3%
Rate of general increase in salaries						
* Present value of total obligations (£M)	463.20	462.74	462.28	2,072.76	2,702.76	2,702.76
* % change in present value of total obligations	0.1%		-0.1%	0.0%		0.0%
* Projected service cost (£M)	14.69	14.69	14.69	25.06	25.06	25.06
* % change in projected service cost	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%		0.0%
Rate of increase to pensions in payment and deferred pensions						
* Present value of total obligations (£M)	472.46	462.74	453.49	2,440.90	2,702.76	2,655.00
* % change in present value of total obligations	2.1%		-2.0%	-9.7%		-1.8%
* Projected service cost (£M)	15.38	14.69	14.02	26.39	25.06	23.78
* % change in projected service cost	4.7%		-4.6%	5.3%		-5.1%
	-1 year	Baseline	+1 year	-1 year	Baseline	+1 year
Adjustment to mortality age rating assumption						
* Present value of total obligations (£M)	474.77	462.74	450.71	2,773.03	2,702.76	2,632.48
* % change in present value of total obligations	2.6%		-2.6%	2.6%		-2.6%
* Projected service cost (£M)	15.24	14.69	14.15	26.14	25.06	23.98
* % change in projected service cost	3.7%		-3.7%	4.3%		-4.3%



13. IAS19 (Pensions Accounting) Entries and Disclosures

- The Police Pension Schemes have no assets to cover liabilities. The LGPS assets consist of the following categories, by proportion of the total assets held:

31 March 2022 %		31 March 2023 Quoted %	31 March 2023 Unquoted %	31 March 2023 Total %
55.7	Equities	42.0	15.6	57.6
18.0	Government bonds	16.5	0	16.5
6.9	Property	1.4	5.4	6.8
0	Corporate bonds	0	0	0
9.2	Multi Asset Credit	0	0	0
0.9	Cash	1.1	0	1.1
9.3	equities)	0	18.0	18.0
100.0		61.0	39.0	100.0



14. Contingent Liabilities

A contingent liability arises where an event has taken place that gives the Chief Constable a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Chief Constable. Contingent liabilities also arise in circumstances where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably. Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed here.

At the balance sheet date there were a number of potential liabilities in respect of events which are alleged to have happened in the past and where claims have been received from various third parties for damages and costs. Some of these relate to operational matters where liability has been alleged to have occurred in the past. These claims take some time to be settled but if they were to be settled all in the same year, insurance cover is in place to meet the costs of aggregate claims over a certain level; below this level existing budgets or, exceptionally, the insurance reserve will cover the shortfall. However, it is considered extremely unlikely that all outstanding claims will be found against the Chief Constable and would, additionally, be settled in the same year.

Insurance reserve

There are some claims which have been received for which the Chief Constable, through the Commissioner, is not insured and, again, the reserve or existing budgets would cover any awards of costs and damages. It is not certain that these or related events which might arise in the future would lead to rulings against the Commissioner or will lead to claims which are substantial. The insurance reserve to cover uninsured losses has remained at £1.47m (£1.47m at 31 March 2022).

Pensions

Claimants have lodged claims for compensation under two active sets of litigation, Aarons and Penningtons. Potentially other claims may be lodged in the future following judgements made in other parts of the country, including the calculation of overtime payments that may be due to officers who historically managed intelligence sources.

Aarons & Ors

Government Legal Department settled the injury to feelings claims for Aarons on behalf of Chief Officers without seeking any financial contributions. Pecuniary loss claims are due to be heard by the Employment Tribunal in December 2022. The settlement of the injury to feelings claims for Aarons sets a helpful precedent. Therefore no liability in respect of compensation claims is recognised in these accounts.

Penningtons

As at 31 March 2023, it is not possible to reliably estimate the extent or likelihood of these claims being successful, and therefore no liability in respect of compensation claims is recognised in these accounts.



14. Contingent Liabilities

Pension Remedy

The Public Service Pensions and Judicial Offices Act 2022 (PSPJOA 2022) legislates for how the government will remove the discrimination identified by the courts in the way that the 2015 reforms were introduced for some members. The main elements of the Act are:

- Changes implemented across all the main public service pension schemes in response to the Court of Appeal judgment in the McCloud and Sergeant cases.
- Eligible members of the main unfunded pension schemes have a choice of the benefits they wish to take for the “remedy period” of April 2015 to 31 March 2022.
- From 1 April 2022, when the remedy period ends, all those in service in main unfunded schemes will be members of the reformed pension schemes, ensuring equal treatment from that point on.
- Ensures there are no reductions to member benefits as a result of the 2016 cost control valuations.

Impact on pension liability

Overall, the net pension liability has decreased by £1.320m from £4,132m at 31 March 2022 to £2.812m at 31 March 2023. The Commissioner’s assessed share of the value of the plan assets of the Local Government Superannuation scheme showed an decrease of £0.16m while the assessed present value of the Commissioner’s liabilities on all pension schemes decreased by £1.336m.



15. Events after the Reporting Period

The Statement of Accounts was authorised for issue by the Chief Finance Officer on 28 September 2023. Events taking place after this date are not reflected in the financial statements or notes. Where events taking place before this date provided information about conditions existing at 31 March 2023, the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material respects to reflect the impact of this information.





16. Notes to the Cash Flow Statements

Adjustments to the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements:

2021/22 £'000		2022/23 £'000
(175,480)	Adjustments to net surplus or deficit on the provision of services for non-cash movements:	(159,027)
	Analysis:-	
(174,978)	Reverse charge to the CIES and GF for post-employment benefits	(158,790)
(502)	(Increase)/Decrease in Creditors	(237)
<u>(175,480)</u>		<u>(159,027)</u>



17. Statement of Accounting Policies and Estimation Techniques and Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

General Principles

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (2021). This code is recognised by statute as representing proper accounting practices. Any significant non-compliance is explained in the following notes. The accounts have been compiled by applying the most appropriate policies and estimation techniques, taking into account the accounting concepts of qualitative characteristics of financial information (i.e. relevance, reliability, comparability and understandability), materiality and the pervasive accounting concepts (i.e. accruals, going concern and primacy of legislative requirements). All material income and expenditure including receipts, grants and employee costs have been accrued to the financial year to which they relate.

The accounting convention adopted in the Statement of Accounts is principally historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain categories of non-current assets and financial instruments.

The accounting policies employed by the Chief Constable are consistent with those employed by the Commissioner. The full set of policies is included in the Commissioner's Statement of Accounts and those which are applicable to the Chief Constable are included below. Notwithstanding this, there are some minor differences of disclosure – e.g. debtors and creditors (which exclude working capital) – for presentation purposes and overall readability of the accounts.

Going concern basis of preparation

Local authorities cannot be created or dissolved without statutory prescription, therefore within CIPFA's Accounting Code of Practice there is a presumption that the Chief Constable's accounts will be prepared on a going concern basis for as long as police services will continue to operate. Notwithstanding the statutory basis for going concern, the Chief Financial Officer has separately assessed the underlying financial sustainability of the organisation and this is outlined below.

Financial sustainability

The Chief Financial Officer has a statutory obligation to keep the financial position of the Authority under review and to ensure that budgets set are realistic and deliverable, and that reserves are adequate.

The Authority regularly reviews and updates its Medium-Term Financial Strategy, incorporating known factors that will have a positive or negative impact upon its financial strategy and making realistic assumptions to allow for the inevitable risk and uncertainty that accompanies any financial forecast. This is underpinned by the Authority's well established reserves policy and approach to identifying and delivering required savings from the budget, with regular monitoring through monthly financial resilience reporting. The medium-term strategy and current assumptions on funding, priorities and pressures informs the annual budget setting process, with outcomes monitored throughout each financial year taking a risk based approach with the escalation of issues as appropriate.

Investment balances and cash flow are managed at a Group level through the Police and Crime Commissioner. Reserves balances ensure that Treasury Management activity can be conducted to make sure sufficient cash is available to meet operational obligations whilst also taking a longer-term view to investments where appropriate, enabling greater returns to be made in support of the revenue budget, whilst also adhering to the CIPFA TM Code in prioritising the security of investment balances.

The Authority's financial forecast for 2021/22 has been reviewed alongside assumptions for 2022/23 and a prudent profile of cashflows to support the Chief Financial Officer in assessing and confirming the Authority's financial sustainability to March 2023. The reserves balance coupled with the anticipated timing of cash flows and the liquidity profile of its investments means that the Authority can meet its operational obligations over the period, with the option to sell longer-term investments and make use of its borrowing headroom as a short-term solution to any unforeseen liquidity pressures, although this would have an impact on the longer-term financial sustainability of the Authority.



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Accounting policies

17.1 Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year that it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received. In particular:

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the Chief Constable transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the purchaser and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Chief Constable.

Revenue from the provision of services is recognised when the Chief Constable can measure reliably the percentage of completion of the transaction and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Chief Constable.

Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed – where there is a gap between the date supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories on the Balance Sheet.

Expenses in relation to services received (including services provided by employees) are recorded as expenditure when the services are received rather than when payments are made.

Interest receivable on investments and payable on borrowings is accounted for respectively as income and expenditure on the basis of the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument rather than the cash flows fixed or determined by the contract.

Where revenue and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid, a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet. Where debts may not be settled, the balance of debtors is written down and a charge made to revenue for the income that might not be collected.

Amounts below £10,000 are not routinely accrued at year end even if they meet the other conditions. This is due to the fact that they are not material in the scale of the Chief Constable's overall income and expenditure. Where items of income or expenditure fall below this amount they may still be accrued in certain circumstances such as where they are subject to specific terms and conditions relating to a grant or where there is an element of cost recovery. Items of a similar nature which are individually below this £10,000 threshold may be aggregated if they could be said to have a similar material effect upon the reporting of a particular income, or expenditure head or cost centre.

Where items for which an accrual might be justified in ordinary circumstances, but where these are on-going and are regular, such as quarterly or monthly payments for utilities, the Chief Constable takes a pragmatic approach and ensures that four quarters or twelve months are recorded in any one year where such payments or receipts are of relatively consistent amounts.

Debtors and creditors are recorded in the Balance Sheet at their fair value, which in both categories of financial instrument is the actual invoiced amount. No estimation techniques are used.



17. Statement of Accounting Policies and Estimation Techniques and Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

17.2 Prior Period Adjustments, Changes in Accounting Policies and Estimates and Errors

Prior period adjustments may arise as a result of a change in accounting policies or to correct a material error. Changes in accounting estimates are accounted for prospectively, ie in the current and future years affected by the change and do not give rise to a prior period adjustment.

Changes in accounting policies are only made when required by proper accounting practices or the change provides more reliable or relevant information about the effect of transactions, other events and conditions on the Chief Constable's financial position or financial performance. Where a change is made, it is applied retrospectively (unless stated otherwise) by adjusting opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period as if the new policy had always been applied.

Material errors discovered in prior period figures are corrected retrospectively by amending opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period.

17.3 VAT

VAT payable is included as an expense only to the extent that it is not recoverable from Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). VAT receivable is excluded from income.

17.4 Rounding convention

Amounts reported in the financial statements may be rounded as appropriate. As most figures are reported in £'000's, figures will be rounded to the nearest £1,000. Where figures are shown in £'s, they will be rounded to the nearest £1. In some instances, the 'totals' in the tables which are presented are the rounded additions of unrounded figures and, therefore, may not be the strict sums of the figures presented in the text or tables. This will only give minor differences and the overall total is more accurate in such instances.

Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

In applying the accounting policies, the Chief Constable has to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events.

In these accounts, we continue to take notice of the following factors:-

The Chief Constable is classed as a local authority, allowing them to benefit from the statutory overrides contained in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015;

Clearer guidance on the accounting arrangements from CIPFA in the form of Local Authority Accounting Panel (LAAP) Bulletins and other communiqués now in place. This guidance aims to draw a distinction between both the form and substance of the arrangements between the two parties, the nature of control being a balance between strategic and operational control and the fact that, whilst the Commissioner can remove the Chief Constable post holder, the PCC cannot remove the role itself;

A Stage 2 transfer scheme was approved by the Home Office Police Minister in 2014, with an agreed commencement date of 1 May 2014. Rather than make any fundamental change to the nature of the interrelationship between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable, as separate 'corporations sole' under a 'group' accounting arrangement (with the PCC having primacy), the Stage 2 transfer merely formalised certain aspects such as the having the majority of officers and staff under the command and control of the Chief Constable and the assets being owned exclusively by the Commissioner.



17. Statement of Accounting Policies and Estimation Techniques and Critical Judgements in Applying Accounting Policies

We have reviewed the various aspects of the relationship between the Commissioner and the Chief Constable in order to determine how to account for these in the 2022/23 Statement of Accounts:-

Consideration	Accounting determination		Reasoning
	PCC	CC	
Expenditure	✓	✓	CC to record all expenditure on staff, buildings, supplies and services, vehicles etc. which is employed in the delivery of operational policing except those directly attributable to the activity and functions of the PCC
Employees – IAS19		✓	As most members of staff are under the day to day operational command of the CC, the IAS 19 (employment benefits, including pensions and the adjustments in respect of accrued employee benefits) charges/credits are attributed to the CC. The net IAS19 adjustments are subject to statutory overrides in the Movement in Reserves Statement.
Charges for assets – i.e. depreciation and impairment	✓		Whilst the CC has day to day operational control of most assets such as buildings and vehicles, the PCC manages the estate and the strategic direction of the use of that estate. Additionally, the PCC provides resources for the purchase of new assets, uses the proceeds from the sale of assets to fund future development or to pay down long-term debt and is responsible for the long- term decisions relating to the financing of capital expenditure.
Income – General Grants and Taxation	✓		The PCC sets the precept and is the only recipient of general grants. The PCC receives the income which is put into the Police Fund.
Income – specific grants, service income (events, statutory charges etc.) and other contributions and donations	✓	✓	This is recorded in the accounts of whichever party the income is directly attributable or whose activities it relates to.
Working capital – debtors, creditors, provisions	✓	✓	The PCC settles all of the outstanding cash payments through their overall control of the resources available for policing in the county. Debtors and creditors are recorded in the CIES of the Commissioner and the Chief Constable to show the cost of their activities, but the balance sheet entries in respect of these belong to the PCC.
Reserves- General fund reserve, earmarked general fund reserves, other usable reserves	✓		As the PCC controls and owns the Police Fund, they own the associated reserves.
Reserves - unusable	✓	✓	These are accounting reserves, required for different reasons most of which relate to the statutory overrides and accounting for assets. Most of these are attributable to the PCC, with the exceptions being those relating to the IAS19 entries in the accounts – i.e. the pensions reserve and the accumulated absences account – as these follow the staff to which they relate (i.e. and which are recorded in the CC's Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement).



18. Assumptions made about the Future and other Major Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Chief Constable about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be different from the assumptions and estimates.

The items in the Chief Constable's Balance Sheet at 31 March 2023 for which there is a risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming financial year are as follows:

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if Actual Results Differ from Assumptions
Pensions Liability	Estimation of net liability to pay pensions depends upon a number of complex judgements in relation to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected returns on pension fund assets. The Chief Constable receives annual forecasts and regular reviews of all of its assets and liabilities from an independent actuary to ensure that the accounts contain realistic estimates of the overall impact of these pensions' liabilities.	<p>The effects of the net pensions' liability of changes in individual assumptions can be measured. For instance, a 0.1% increase in the discount rate assumptions would result in a decrease in the Police Pension Schemes liabilities of 2.1% and a decrease in the Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities of 2.6%.</p> <p>However, the assumptions interact in complex ways. More details are provided in the IAS19 disclosures at note 13.</p>



19. Accounting Standards that have been issued but have not yet been adopted

The Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) requires the disclosure of information relating to the expected impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new standard that has been issued but not yet adopted.

The Code only requires items to be mentioned here which will be adopted in 2023/24. However, it is also useful to note that we are planning to adopt IFRS 16 (which is about accounting for leases) in 2024/25.

The additional disclosures that will be required in the 2023/24 financial statements in respect of accounting changes introduced in the 2023/24 Code are:

- Definition of Accounting Estimates (Amendments to IAS 8)
 - The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has revised its definition of “accounting estimate” to make it clearer. We do not expect it to result in any changes to how we make accounting estimates, so no impact on the accounts is foreseen.
- Updating a Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3)
 - This change relates to how assets and liabilities should be accounted for when an organisation acquires or obtains control of another organisation. We are not planning to take over any other organisations so do not expect this change to have any impact.
- Disclosure of Accounting Policies (Amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2)
 - The IAS 1 amendment slightly changes the criteria for which accounting policies an organisation should disclose in its accounts. Policies should now be disclosed if they are “material”, rather than the previous criteria of being “significant”. The changes to the IFRS Practice Statement 2 are intended to help organisations identify if an accounting policy is material. We will review our policies but do not expect it to result in any major changes to what we publish in the accounts.
- Deferred Tax related to Assets and Liabilities arising from a Single Transaction (Amendments to IAS 12).
 - These amendments clarify how organisations should account for deferred tax on transactions such as leases and decommissioning obligations. The Constabulary is exempt from corporation tax and does not have any trading companies, so we do not expect this change will have any impact upon it.



Pension Fund Account



Pension Fund Account

2021/22 Police Pension Fund Account

£'000	
	Contributions receivable
	- from employer
(35,021)	- normal contributions
(1,538)	- ill-health capital equivalent charges
(15,036)	- from members
	Transfers in
(1,525)	- individual transfers in from other schemes
	Benefits payable
86,997	- pensions
18,346	- commutations and lump sum retirement benefits
0	- lump sum death benefits
	Payments to and on account of leavers
107	- refunds of contributions
21	- individual transfers out to other schemes
52,351	Net amount payable for the year
(52,351)	Additional contribution from the Commissioner
0	

2021/22 Net Assets Statement

£'000	
	Current Assets
0	- pensions paid to pensioners in advance
	Current Liabilities
0	- amount due to sponsoring department
0	

2022/23 £'000

(36,684)
(2,657)
(15,721)
(736)
93,057
20,174
123
139
2
57,697
(57,697)
0

2022/23 £'000

8,436
(8,436)
0

The Pension Fund financial statements do not take account of any liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits after the period end.

Most payments and employer contributions in respect of the police pension schemes are reported in the Police Pension Fund Account. Other pension costs are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. This includes the on-going costs and commuted lump sums in respect of officers who are awarded injury pensions, which totalled £3.3m in 2021/22. For officers who retire on the grounds of ill-health, the employer makes a contribution from the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account to the Police Pension Fund Account. This charge is the equivalent to two years' pensionable pay and is a one off credit to the account. All on-going payments are met by the Police Pension Fund.

Debtors and creditors of the Police Pension Fund Account are included within the main financial statements of the Commissioner as a result of the reimbursement of the top up grant and the cash being transferred between the Commissioner and Pension Fund bank accounts on a regular basis.



Pension Fund Account

The Scheme Manager of the Police Pension Fund is the Chief Constable. The administration of the fund is carried out by the County Council as part of the joint working arrangements. The administrator makes all payments to existing and new pensioners and maintains the necessary records of entitlement. The Commissioner provides the funds to make payments to pensioners and for transfers out of the scheme. The Commissioner's budget and current serving officers make contributions into the fund and at present 100% of any shortfall between this income and the payments made is met by a grant from the Home Office.

A Police Pensions Board was introduced in April 2015 in accordance with the Public Services Pensions Act 2013. The Board is chaired by the Chief Constable's Chief Finance Officer and has equal membership from the employer and employee side.

The Police Pension Fund makes payments to officers who retire from the scheme whilst in the employment of the Chief Constable or who have previously worked for the Chief Constable and who have a deferred pension. This is based on the length of service and pensionable pay at the point of retirement. Officers may choose to commute part of their benefit into a lump sum and to receive a reduced on-going pension. Benefits are also paid to dependents when an officer dies in service or after retirement.

Employees make the following contributions:-

1987 Scheme 14.25%-15.05%

the deficit on the Local Government Pension Scheme will be made good by increased contributions over the remaining working life of employees (i.e. before payments fall due) as assessed by the scheme actuary. The last triennial valuation was March 2019;

2006 Scheme 11.00%-12.75%

2015 Scheme 12.44%-13.78%

The employer made a contribution of 31% of pensionable salary and benefits in 2022/23. The Chief Constable received a £2.99m grant to be used towards the increase in the contribution rate.

The employee's contribution is set nationally by the Home Office and is subject to a triennial revaluation by the Government Actuary's Department (GAD).

The Police Pension Fund Account has been prepared in accordance with the extant Police Pensions Regulations and the accounting policies detailed in Note 17.

Note 13 shows further detail of the IAS19 entries and the pension schemes.



Annual Governance Statement

1. Scope of Responsibility

1.1 Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary is responsible for ensuring that:

- its business is conducted in accordance with the law and to proper standards.
- public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively.
- it secures continuous improvements in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of efficiency, effectiveness and economy.
- there is a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of the Constabulary's functions and which include arrangements for the management of risk.

1.2 This Statement explains how the Constabulary has complied with its Code of Corporate Governance and meets with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations in relation to the publication of an Annual Governance Statement.

2. The Purpose of Corporate Governance

2.1 The governance framework comprises the systems, processes, cultures and values by which the Constabulary is directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads the community. It enables the Constabulary to monitor the achievements of the Constabulary's strategic objectives and to consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost effective services.

2.2 The system of internal control is a significant part of the framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable level. It cannot eliminate all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives and can therefore only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an ongoing process designed to identify and prioritise the risk to the achievement of the Constabulary's policies aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, and to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.

2.3 The governance framework has been in place at Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary for the year ending 31 March 2023 and up to the date of approval of the annual report and the statement of accounts.



2.4 The Constabulary has approved and adopted a Scheme of Corporate Governance, which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government'. Agendas and minutes of the Joint Audit Committee are published on the website.

2.5 The CIPFA/SOLACE framework identifies seven principles of good governance:

- Behaving with integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law
- Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement
- Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits
- Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes
- Developing the entity's capacity, including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it
- Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management
- Implementing good practices in transparency, reporting and audit to deliver effective accountability.

2.6 The first two principles underpin the whole CIPFA/SOLACE 2016 framework and are implicit in the remaining five principles.

3. Core Principles of Good Governance

3.1 Behaving with Integrity, demonstrating strong commitment to ethical values, and respecting the rule of law

3.1.1 The Constabulary's operates in an open and transparent way and the Chief Constable sets the tone for the organisation by creating a climate and culture of openness, support, and respect. The Constabulary has fully adopted the Code of Ethics and this is emphasised in its inclusion as one of the six key areas of focus set out by the Chief Constable.

3.1.2 The Constabulary is committed to the highest ethical standards and has adopted a governance framework to re-enforce this philosophy as well as procedures to investigate any issues should the need arise. The framework, policies and procedures are set out in the Constabulary's Scheme of Corporate Governance. The Scheme of Corporate Governance demonstrates a comprehensive commitment on the part of the Constabulary to integrity, ethical values and the rule of law.

3.1.3 The Ethics Committee advises the Chief Constable on items that require ethical consideration and promotes the Code of Ethics within the Constabulary.

3.1.4 The Constabulary has an Environmental Strategy that promotes sustainability. Environmental factors are considered in force policies and procedures, for example, air travel.



3.1.5 The key governance legal powers and responsibilities within the Constabulary are set out in legislation and statutory guidance (especially the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, Policing Protocol Order 2011, Revised Financial Management Code of Practice 2018 and Strategic Policing Requirement 2015), the Scheme of Consent and Delegation, Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders. These are referenced in the Scheme of Corporate Governance.

3.2 Ensuring openness and comprehensive stakeholder engagement.

3.2.1 The Chief Constable has set out the Constabulary's purpose and six key areas of focus. The clear strategic aims of which are communicated on the Constabulary's website and through various communications. This provides an operating model for business planning and is informed by various departmental and partnership strategies and priorities. The image below shows the purpose in the centre surrounded by the six key areas of focus:



3.2.2 The Constabulary has a clear governance framework for corporate decision making. Operational decision making is covered by standard practices and the use of decision logs. Corporate decisions are made at meetings that record key decisions and actions. Financial authorisations are recorded in the finance system and often supported by emails. It should be noted that some decisions that affect the Constabulary are made by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Police and Crime Commissioner decisions have clear guidance and protocols on decision making and templates for decision reports. All decisions are published, albeit that consideration is given to redacting some elements where this is necessary and proportionate.

3.2.3 Public consultation to inform decision making is undertaken where warranted. The Constabulary has access to consultation undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner as well as systematic data gathered from surveying of victims and the wider public. Social media provides further opportunities to engage and survey members of the public. Other consultation is undertaken such as via the Joint Audit Committee, Independent Advisory Group, Ethics Committee and local consultations.



3.3 Defining outcomes in terms of sustainable economic, social and environmental benefits.

3.3.1 The strategic aims set out in the purpose and six areas of focus underpin the Constabulary's overarching ambitions for delivering positive economic, social and environmental outcomes under the purpose of ensuring Safer Communities for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Constabulary must also have regard to the Police and Crime Plan, which also sets out the Police and Crime Commissioner's vision, priorities and mission. The operational delivery against the Safer Purpose and Six areas of focus is tracked through the Force Performance Group held by the Deputy Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner holds the Chief Constable to account on a regular basis for the exercise of the functions of the Chief Constable and the functions of people under the direction and control of the Chief Constable (section 1.7, PRSRA 2011). The Chief Constable maintains operational independence.

3.4 Determining the interventions necessary to optimise the achievement of the intended outcomes.

3.4.1 Clear guidance and protocols exist for decision making and the involvement of legal and finance officers in all significant decisions of the Constabulary ensures that decisions are only made after relevant options have been weighed and associated risks assessed. Details of the guidance and protocols are set out in the Scheme of Corporate Governance.

3.4.2 Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) are used to assess the impact of significant proposals and to inform decision making.

3.4.3 The budget setting process is well established and ultimately the budget is set by the Police and Crime Commissioner after proposals on the council tax precept are consulted upon with the public and scrutinised in public by the Police and Crime Panel. The budget is set in the context of achieving the Police and Crime Plan and the purpose of the Constabulary.

3.4.4 A medium term financial strategy, capital programme and reserves strategy is updated each year together with relevant resource forecasts and takes full account of the changing regulatory, environmental, demographic and economic factors that impact on the financial environment in which the Constabulary operates.

3.4.5 Risks associated with the achievement of intended outcomes are detailed in Risk Registers held at strategic corporate, portfolio and project level. These evaluate the effectiveness of existing control measures as well as identifying proposed mitigation.



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3.5 Developing the entity's capacity including the capability of its leadership and the individuals within it

3.5.1 The Constabulary places a significant value of the capability of leadership. Courses are run in-house and available externally, for example via the College of Policing. Each individual has a Personal Development Review on a regular basis with their line manager to ensure that any skill gaps are addressed and to discuss opportunities for development.

3.5.2 The Constabulary regularly reviews the shape of its workforce against the needs of the service in the context of its capacity and capability requirements. This then informs a range of strategies, for example; recruitment, retention and people development in order to provide effective leadership and deploy appropriate resources to meet the needs of services.

3.5.3 There is an emphasis on the need for high performance, of which resilience and continuous development play key parts, both of which factor in the regular discussions between managers and staff.

3.6 Managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management.

3.6.1 The Constabulary operates a robust Risk Management Strategy, with oversight of those arrangements provided by the Risk and Learning Board and reports to the Joint Audit Committee. The Joint Audit Committee has provided significant guidance and advice for the enhancement of the risk management arrangements.

3.6.2 Each part of the Constabulary has its own Board to identify and manage risks within their part of the organisation and escalate those to the strategic risk register for consideration at the Risk and Learning Board where they meet the threshold.

3.6.3 Risks jointly held with TVP through collaborations are reviewed at the DCC Collaboration Board and PCC Collaboration Board.

3.6.4 The Internal Audit Plan provides the mechanism through which the Chief Internal Auditor can ensure most appropriate use of internal audit resources.

3.6.5 The Internal Audit Plan was developed to operate at a strategic level providing a value adding, and proportionate, level of assurance aligned to the Constabulary's key risks and objectives. This includes a periodic review of the Constabulary's risk management processes.



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3.6.6 The Audit Plan remains fluid to ensure Internal Audit's ability to react to the changing needs of the Constabulary.

3.6.7 The Internal Audit Plan incorporates provision for both proactive and reactive counter fraud and corruption work, which is underpinned by an embedded Counter Fraud & Corruption Strategy and Policy and Anti Bribery Act Policy.

3.6.8 The delivery of the Internal Audit Plan enables the Chief Internal Auditor to provide an annual report providing an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the framework of governance, risk management and control which is reported to the Joint Audit Committee, Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable.

3.6.9 The Joint Audit Committee is well established and provides independent advice to the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner. Members of the Joint Audit Committee have no executive responsibility for the management of the organisation, thus ensuring that they are sufficiently independent to scrutinise and challenge matters brought to their attention. The Committee is provided with an allowance and training budget, enabling members to attend internal meetings of both the Constabulary and the OPCC to observe decision-making processes in action.

3.6.10 The Joint Audit Committee has a clear 'Terms of Reference' providing an effective source of scrutiny, challenge and assurance regarding the arrangements for managing risk and maintaining an effective control environment. The terms have been reviewed and the tenure of the Chair extended.

3.6.11 The Constabulary has a well-developed and effective scrutiny function via the Police and Crime Commissioner.

3.6.12 The Constabulary has strong financial management arrangements at both the strategic and operational level and consistently obtains unqualified opinions for its annual accounts and value for money assessment. The Section 151 Officer is a member of the Chief Officers Group and Force Executive. All formal financial decision making has the benefit of the advice and review of the Chief Financial Officer or their representative.

3.6.13 Key financial regulations and financial strategies form an important part of the Corporate Governance Framework together with effective risk based financial and performance reporting.

3.6.14 Financial management in key risk areas across the Constabulary focusses on activity and performance management alongside the budget management processes and the financial management framework throughout all tiers of the organisation is appropriately advised and supported by the Finance function.

3.6.15 The real risk of cyber-attack continues to grow in UK Policing not just from criminal organisations but also state actors, in response during 2022/23 we have implemented a Cyber Threat & Response Management Board to provide a comprehensive bilateral response to our cyber threat & response position ensuring agreed and appropriate solutions and remediation plans are in place and actively progressing additionally, informing Force(s) Executive of strategic outcomes and ensuring learning activities are cascaded to respective departments.

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3.7 Implementing good practices in transparency reporting and audit to deliver effective accountability

3.7.1 The decision making guidance, protocols and templates referred to in the Scheme of Corporate Governance and the involvement of senior officers, legal officers and finance officers ensures that public reports are written in a clear and accessible way with sufficient information to enable members of the public to formulate informed opinions on the matters for decision.

3.7.2 The corporate Force Performance Group framework provides a transparent cycle of reporting on core performance metrics. Performance information is published online and is easily accessible to staff, partners and the public.

3.7.3 The 'Internal Audit Charter' is presented annually for review by the Joint Audit Committee. The Charter makes provision that where it is considered necessary to the proper discharge of the internal audit function, the Chief Internal Auditor has direct access to the Joint Audit Committee.

3.7.4 The ongoing work of internal Audit is presented through a quarterly progress report to the Joint Audit Committee providing an overview of service performance; delivery against the plan; and progress made by the organisation in the implementation of management actions agreed to mitigate risks identified through internal audit work.

3.7.5 Representatives of External Audit routinely attend Joint Audit Committee meetings and present all External Audit reports. Any recommendations for corrective action detailed within External Audit reports are highlighted to the Joint Audit Committee who will track through to implementation. This is achieved through the clear and concise nature of the minutes to each meeting.

3.7.6 The Internal Audit Plan includes provision to review the Constabulary's approach to governance, risk and controls for partnership working. Such reviews are formally reported through the Joint Audit Committee with any significant issues highlighted accordingly.

3.7.7 Where appropriate Internal Audit will gain assurances from third parties to contribute to their overall assurance opinion.



4. Obtain assurances on the effectiveness of key controls

4.1 Key controls relating to risks, internal control (including financial management), and governance processes are identified by managers as part of the governance framework and recorded on risk registers. These are consolidated into the strategic risk register at a corporate level.

4.2 Internal Audit, as part of its planned review of internal controls regularly evaluates the key controls to determine their adequacy and also carries out tests to confirm the level of compliance. Together the results of each review enable an audit opinion on effectiveness to be provided to management, and any actions for improvement to be agreed.

4.3 External sources of assurance include the annual opinion and value for money conclusion by external auditors, and statutory inspections by His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service (HMICFRS). These reports are subject to consideration by senior management and appropriate responses are agreed to any recommendations for improvements. The reports are normally approved in public and published. External sources of validation are being increasingly used to inform assessment of the organisations performance.

4.4 The PEEL Inspection report for 21/22 highlights two areas that require improvement. These relate to preventing crime and responding to the public. The actions at section 6 include the change in the operating model to be more geographic based to enhance neighbourhood policing to prevent crime and actions in Contact Management to improve the response time for 101 non-emergency calls to improve responding to the public as summarised by HMICFRS below:

Outstanding	Good	Adequate	Requires improvement	Inadequate
	Recording data about crime	Investigating crime	Preventing crime	
	Treatment of the public	Protecting vulnerable people	Responding to the public	
	Developing a positive workplace	Managing offenders		
		Good use of resources		

4.5 In conjunction with specialist Internal Audit support, the Constabulary has also applied the CIPFA Counter Fraud self-assessment tool to identify potential opportunities for enhancement

4.6 The Constabulary must comply with the CIPFA Financial Management Code. The FM Code is a self-assessment of financial management within an organisation. The Code is written with Councils in mind and therefore we have been informed by CIPFA that police organisations will need to make their own common sense adjustments to the requirements of the Code to make it relevant for policing and that some sections will need to be disregarded. There is no guidance on the level of evidence that is required to support this assessment, but a desktop exercise performed drew the conclusion that the Constabulary is compliant with the principles of the FM Code. The FM Code process was subject to an internal audit review which reported a 'substantial' audit opinion.



5 Evaluate assurances and identify gaps in control/assurance

5.1. The Constabulary has made adequate arrangements to identify, receive and evaluate reports from the defined internal and external assurance providers to identify weaknesses in controls.

5.2 Reports on collaborated functions are received from the host force. Reports in relation to IT and Information Management are received from the Thames Valley Police internal auditor. These are reported to the Joint Audit Committee and incorporated by the Chief Internal Auditor into the annual internal audit opinion. Queries and concerns will normally be resolved during the course of the Joint Audit Committee through the attendance of the Thames Valley Police internal auditor. If there are any outstanding queries, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable can raise those through the Collaboration Board.

5.3 Each board within the Constabulary has assessed risk and reported significant risks via the governance framework for inclusion within the Strategic Risk Register. The Internal Audit Plan and reports have assisted the assessment of risk in business areas that are higher risk.

5.4 The Constabulary has responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by the work of the officers within the Constabulary who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment, the Chief Internal Auditor's annual report, and by comments made by the external auditors and other review agencies and inspectorates.

5.5 The Chief Internal Auditor has evaluated the reports from the internal and external assurance providers which have also been reported to the Joint Audit Committee. This Annual Governance Statement sets out the Constabulary's arrangements for receiving reports and identifying weaknesses in internal control.

5.6 In line with the Internal Audit Charter, the key elements of the corporate governance framework are risk assessed and reviewed periodically by Internal Audit.



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6 Action plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system of corporate governance

6.1 Scott Chilton became the new Chief Constable of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Constabulary on 23 February 2023. The timing of the change meant that there was little impact to the governance arrangements for 2022/23. However, during 2023/24 there are expected to be some changes that will require delivery and oversight. This includes a review of the six areas of focus, which are expected to be replaced.

6.2 The operating model for the Constabulary will move from a functional model to a more geographic model for the delivery of local policing. This measure is expected to create more local accountability that enables better operational performance.

6.3 Contact Management response times for non-emergency 101 calls were outside of the target time in 2022/23. Operation Fleck is addressing issues, including significant vacancies in the 101 call handling centre. Funding has also been approved in the 2023/24 budget for new software that will allow victims and witnesses for ongoing investigations to access officers involved in their cases directly without the need to go through the 101 service. If this is successful, it should result in a better service for those victims and witnesses and reduce the number of calls to 101.

6.4 The Constabulary has given formal notice to Hampshire County Council that it will remove non-transactional services for Finance, HR and property management from Shared Services. The majority of the recruitment function will also transfer to the Constabulary. Transactional services for Finance and HR (e.g. payments to third parties and payroll) will remain in the Shared Services Integrated Business Centre.

6.5 The Home Secretary announced that police officers will be able to join policing through a non-degree route. Work is underway to create a route that will enable the Constabulary to recruit some officers through a non-degree route.



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7 There is a robust mechanism to ensure that an appropriate action plan is agreed to address identified control weaknesses and is implemented and monitored

In response to the Action Plan identified in the 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement:

7.1 COVID 19 and the ongoing implications of it still carry some risk but there was no adverse impact on the operational delivery, financial position or governance arrangements because of COVID-19 in 2022/23.

7.2 The Constabulary has successfully delivered the increase in officers required in 2022/23 to meet the Uplift target and claim the full amount of grant available. Furthermore, the Constabulary has achieved an additional 59 officer target above the original Uplift target number that allows the Constabulary to claim a further £1.180m on a one-off basis.

7.3 Operation Olympus was implemented in 2022/23. The main feature is the Falcon teams that process detainees for formal actions. This has resulted in an improvement of formal outcomes but more improvement is required so further actions are being taken, for example, the change of the operating model.

7.4 The Contact Management Platform (CMP) continues to be used for managing 999 and 101 calls into the Constabulary. The new digital support team is in place to bring together the development of CMP, the force crime recording system RMS and Pronto to maximise the return on these investments. However, vacancies in Contact Management mean that although the 999 emergency call performance is meeting the required standards, the 101 non-emergency service can be subject to long answering times. The 2023/24 budget contains approved funding for a recovery plan that will deliver a technology solution to assist.

7.5 The changes needed to better control the payment of acting up allowances are now in place and will continue to be subject to audit review.



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Declaration

We have been advised on the implications of the result of the review of the effectiveness of the governance framework by the Joint Audit Committee and that the arrangements continue to be regarded as fit for purpose in accordance with the governance framework. The areas already addressed and those to be specifically addressed with new actions planned are set out in this Statement.

We propose over the coming year to take steps to address the above matters to further enhance our governance arrangements. We are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next annual review.

Signed:

Scott Chilton

Chief Constable

Date: 28 September 2023

Signed:

Richard Croucher

Chief Finance Officer

Date: 28 September 2023



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Agency Services

Services which are performed by or for another Chief Constable or public body where the agent is reimbursed for the cost of work done.

Amortisation

The process of writing down the cost of an asset or liability through depreciation or repayment of principle over a suitable period of time.

Capital Adjustment Account

A Balance Sheet reserve which reflects the net surplus of resources set aside to finance capital expenditure and the depreciation, impairment and write-off of the historical cost of fixed assets.

Capital Expenditure

Expenditure on the provision and improvement of assets such as property, plant and equipment and vehicles and major items of equipment providing benefit over a life of more than one year.

Capital Receipts

Money obtained on the sale of a capital asset. Capital receipts can be used to finance new capital expenditure or to repay loan debt within rules set down by the government, but they cannot be used to finance revenue expenditure.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

The Commissioner and the Chief Constable both have a legal obligation under the Local Government Finance Act 1988 to appoint a person to be responsible for the proper administration of their financial affairs. This person is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Collection Fund Adjustment Account

A Balance Sheet account which records the difference between the income included in the Income and Expenditure Account and the amount required by regulation to be credited to the General Fund. The Commissioner includes a proportionate share of Council Tax debtors and creditors due to the billing authority, which is deemed to be acting as an agent of the major preceptors, including the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Credit Arrangements

An arrangement other than borrowing where the use of a capital asset is obtained and paid for over a period of more than one year. The main types of credit arrangements are leases of property, plant and equipment.

Creditors

Individuals or organisations to whom the Chief Constable owes money at the end of the financial year for work done, goods received or services rendered but for which payment has not been made at 31 March.

Current service costs

The increase in the present value of pension liabilities expected to arise from employee service in the current period.

Debtors

Individuals or organisations who owe the Chief Constable money.

Depreciation

Depreciation represents the consumption of an asset due to deterioration. The value is included within the income and expenditure account as a cost of providing services but as there is no cashflow impact on the general reserve, it is taken out in the movement in reserves statement.

Expected loss allowance

Some debts are unlikely to be recovered because something has happened since the debt was raised. An assessment of the reduction in recoverable debt is made both individually (for individually significant debts) and collectively.

Fair value

The amount for which an asset could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's-length transaction.



Financial Instruments Adjustment Account

A Balance Sheet account which records the adjustments made to the value of assets and liabilities as a result of showing these at fair value or amortised cost on initial recognition and the subsequent accounting entries required to write the value of these assets and liabilities back up to the actual sum due or payable at the end of its expected life.

Financial Year

The annual period of accounting – i.e. 1 April to 31 March.

Fixed Assets

Assets of significant value that yield benefits to the Chief Constable for a period of more than one year.

Government Grants

Part of the cost of the service is paid for by central government. General grants can be spent at the discretion of the Commissioner. Specific grants (included within additional grants) are also paid to the Commissioner, but are ring-fenced for spending in specific areas.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)

An amount required by statute to be charged to the movement in reserves. It ensures that authorities put aside funds for the repayment of loans.

Past service cost

The increase in the present value of pension liabilities related to employee service from prior periods arising in the current period as a result of the introduction of, or improvement to, retirement benefits.

Precept

The levying of a council tax rate by one authority which is collected by another. The Commissioner precepts upon the district/unitary councils' collection funds for its council tax income.

Revaluation Reserve

A Balance Sheet reserve which records the accumulated gains on assets held by the Commissioner arising from increases in value, netted off for disposals and certain depreciation adjustments.

Revenue Contributions to Capital Outlay (RCCO)

Amounts paid from revenue funds (charged to the Income and Expenditure Account) to purchase capital assets.

Revenue Expenditure

Expenditure to meet the day to day running costs of services including wages and salaries, purchase of materials and services and capital financing charges. This is shown in the Income and Expenditure account.

Reserves

Accumulated sums which are maintained either to be earmarked for specific liabilities (e.g. pensions, insurance) or generally held to meet unforeseen or emergency expenditure (e.g. General Reserve).