



Nottinghamshire

POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

Summary Financial Information 2013-2014

The Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner & Group

Introduction

Each year the Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) is required to publish a Statement of Accounts. This is a lengthy technical document, produced in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. This summary version is produced to provide a simplified version of the full audited accounts issued on September 23 2014. These are available on our website <http://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Our-Money/Annual-Accounts.aspx>.

These are the second set of accounts issued by Nottinghamshire's Commissioner, Paddy Tipping, who was elected by the public and took up his office on 22nd November 2012. At the same time a separate legal body for the Chief Constable was established and made responsible for the Police Service in the area. All the financial transactions incurred during 2013/14 for policing Nottinghamshire have been recognised and recorded within the statement of accounts, which sets out the overall financial position of the PCC and the PCC Group for the year ending 31 March 2014. The Group position (PCC Group) reflects the consolidated accounts of the PCC and its subsidiary, the Chief Constable. All the information here is for the Group.

The primary function of the Commissioner is to set the priorities for the police force within Nottinghamshire, respond to the needs and demands of communities and ensure that local and

national priorities are suitably funded by setting a budget. The Commissioner also holds the Chief Constable to account for the local performance of the Force.

The Chief Constable is appointed by the Commissioner to deliver local policing in line with the priorities set out in his Police and Crime Plan. The Commissioner is also responsible for the provision of resources for policing services within the Nottinghamshire Police area, which has a population of approximately 1.1million. There was a net revenue budget of £196.9m for 2013-2014. Duties also extend to include crime prevention initiatives with responsibility for victim services coming in to effect in October 2014.

The Group's statutory accounts for the year ended 31st March 2014 were approved by the Commissioner in September and an unqualified audit opinion issued.

Welcome to the Statement of Accounts 2013-2014

Delivering value for money policing is a goal that underpins almost every other priority outlined in my Police and Crime Plan. Throughout 2013 - 2014 we've continued to battle serious financial and economic pressures which have restricted our ability to protect the public in the way we would like. Without careful consideration of how best to invest our limited funding and resources, every one of my ambitious plans to make Nottinghamshire safer would not be possible. We've had to closely match any investment with need and make hard choices between competing priorities.

We've invested over £3m into our local partnerships for community safety and victims' services so that they can expand the support programmes available for those affected by crime. This will ensure vulnerable people receive the help they need before their problems escalate.

We recognise that early intervention and a more holistic approach is key to reducing demand on the emergency services and delivering a permanent reduction in offending. In response, we're expanding our partnership work to address the mental health needs of vulnerable people who come into contact with police which includes the Street Triage scheme whereby specially-trained mental health nurses from Nottinghamshire Healthcare join police officers on callouts in unmarked street triage cars to assist vulnerable people in need of immediate mental health support. We're supporting the expansion of diversionary activities for young people at most risk of offending to give them a chance of leading a more fulfilled, law-abiding lifestyle. And we're also investing time and funding into increasing the use of restorative justice in the City and County to give low-level offenders a chance to learn by their mistakes and make amends. This is just a fraction of the changes we're making in terms of our budget provision to build a framework for policing that seeks to treat the core of criminality - not the effects.

Twelve months ago I published a Police and Crime Plan which set out in some detail my vision for a safer Nottinghamshire. Pleasingly, we're already delivering on many of these targets and promises and I'm optimistic the positive results we're seeing now are going to be felt for many years to come. We're working very closely with our partners, for example, to form a united front against alcohol misuse in the county which is driven by our aim to reduce antisocial behaviour by 50%. Our Alcohol Strategy – a multi-agency agreement to reduce the harm caused by alcohol abuse – is tackling every strand of the issue to reduce the impact of problem drinking including signposting those in the grip of alcohol addiction to the help they need quickly and adopting nationally-recognised schemes to promote responsible management and operation in licensed premises to reduce violent crime.



From day one I've prioritised our duty to respond to victims of crime, witnesses and vulnerable people, introducing a series of measures in 2013-2014 to do this more effectively. We've commissioned research into repeat domestic violence, assessed local provision for all victims (including survivors of domestic abuse) to identify gaps in support services, analysed the relationship between police and Black, Minority & Ethnic communities to identify better means of engagement and looked at how we can make the journey through the criminal justice system easier for all victims. Importantly, our research has been backed up with resolute action with the launch of schemes such as Track My Crime to give victims greater information and involvement with their case and a more unified approach between those agencies responsible for delivering criminal justice.

We have fought hard against the financial challenges we've faced in 2013-2014 and have continued to build up police officer numbers to increase our visible police presence at a time when many forces are enduring further cuts. An additional 78 police officers are now deployed on our streets – and more are planned - backed by 67 new PCSOs which is testament to shrewd financial and resource management. Such careful budget control and preparation received independent approval by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) Policing in Austerity: Rising to the Challenge inspection which agreed the Force had demonstrated overall sound progress rising to the funding challenge and had responded well through a savings programme that has allowed it to reduce costs while continuing to fight crime. A Base Budget Review has been completed to help us identify opportunities to better align the Force budget with my Police and Crime Plan priorities, compare cost savings and uncover potential opportunities for collaborative working with regional forces as part of my priority to be fair, honest and protect taxpayers' money.

We have a more difficult job than most Forces when it comes to negotiating the financial challenge as a result of the current funding formula. The distinct disadvantage we face afforded by such an approach will continue to put us under pressure in 2014-2015 but I'm confident that with the ongoing commitment of our staff and officers, our increased focus on victims and healing the root causes of offending, and our collective thinking, a safer and happier Nottinghamshire will emerge.

From October, I will take over responsibility for Victims' Services which will enable me to channel funding where need is greatest and make decisions which will improve outcomes for vulnerable people who suffer through crime. In addition, we will welcome the formal introduction of the new Code of Practice to improve victims' experience of the criminal justice system and aim to deliver better systems for increasing confidence among victims of Forced Marriage and Domestic Violence so that they come forward and report their experiences.

There are challenges ahead of us. Difficult decisions which have to be made. But I'm confident that the Force, working with partners, will continue to ensure that we live in safe and secure neighbourhoods.

Paddy Tipping
Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Staffing Numbers

The main resource used to police Nottinghamshire is people. The numbers shown below are the average full time equivalents as at 31/3/2014.

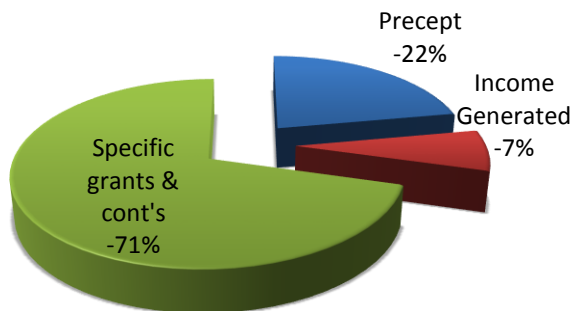
- Officers 2,089
- PCSO 335
- Staff 1,206

Revenue Income and Expenditure

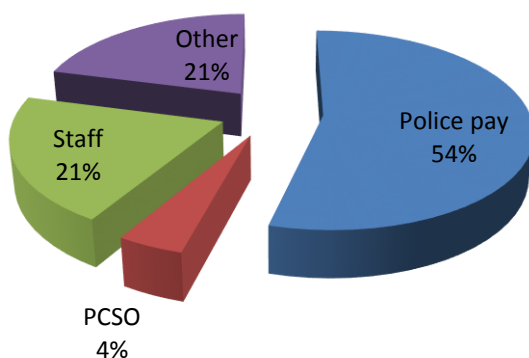
This is the running expense and income of the Group; it differs from the figures included in the statutory accounts by the exclusion of pension liabilities that will be met from future pension contributions and government funding.

Income & Expenditure	£m
Funding	
General government grants	-155.1
Precept	-48.6
Total Funding	-203.7
Police pay	119.2
PCSO	9.6
Staff	44.9
Other employee expenses	1.3
Premises	6.0
Transport	5.0
Supplies and services	22.4
Depreciation and asset revaluation	9.3
Capital and interest charges	1.9
Expenditure	219.6
Income Generated	-15.9
Net Expenditure	203.7
Net contribution to Reserves	0.0

Total Funding & Income



Expenditure



Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet is a statement of net worth showing what the Group owns (assets) and what it owes (liabilities). The main difference to the information contained here to the statutory balance sheet is the exclusion of pension liabilities that will be met from future pension contributions and government funding. The Balance Sheet also shows how the net assets are held as various types of reserves. Useable Reserves can be spent in future years. Unusable Reserves represent unrealised valuations such as property revaluations.

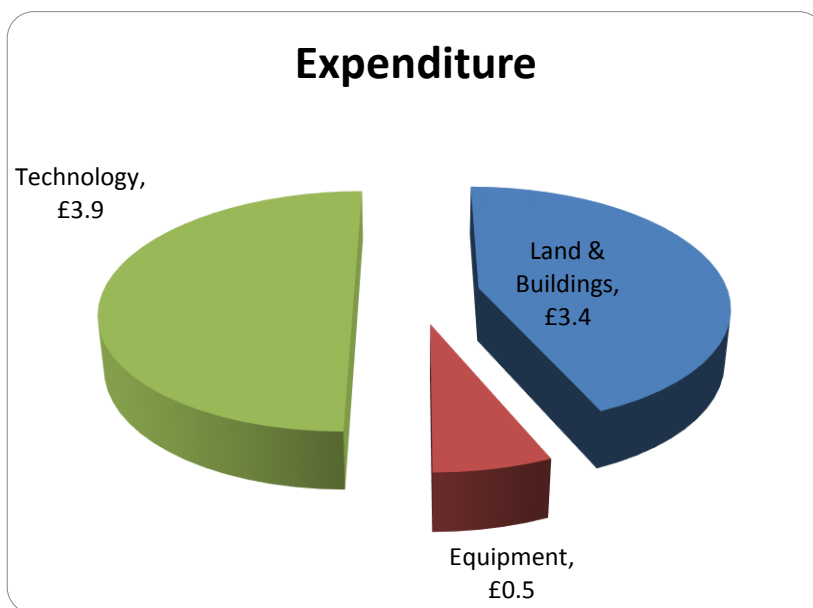
31 Mar 2013 Restated £000		31 Mar 2014 £000
43.0	Property, Plant & Equipment	44.6
0.4	Investment Properties	0.4
2.4	Assets Held for Sale	2.1
0.7	Intangible Assets	0.9
0.0	Long Term Debtors	0.0
46.5	Non-Current Assets	48.0
2.0	Short Term Investments	2.0
0.6	Inventories	0.3
22.9	Short Term Debtors	21.2
14.3	Cash and Cash Equivalents	13.6
39.9	Current Assets	37.2
-7.7	Short Term Borrowing	-7.6
-0.3	Grant Receipts in Advance	-0.2
-23.1	Short Term Creditors	-24.2
-1.0	Overdraft	-1.1
-2.6	Short Term Provisions	-3.6
-34.8	Current Liabilities	-36.7
-28.0	Long Term Borrowing	-24.1
-2.4	Other Long Term Liabilities	-3.2
-30.4	Long Term Liabilities	-27.3
21.2	Net Assets	21.2
-7.1	General Fund	-7.1
-1.9	Capital Receipts Reserve	-1.6
-18.3	Earmarked Reserves	-19.5
-0.1	Capital Grants Unapplied	-0.1
-27.4	Usable Reserves	-28.2
-2.5	Revaluation Reserve	-2.3
3.3	Capital Adjustment Account	4.4
-0.2	Collection Fund Adjustment	-0.7
5.6	Accumulated Absences	5.6
6.2	Unusable Reserves	7.1
-21.2	Total Reserves	-21.2

Total Reserves	£m
Held at 31 March 2013	21.2
Transferred to Revenue	0
Held at 31 March 2014	21.2

Capital Expenditure and Financing

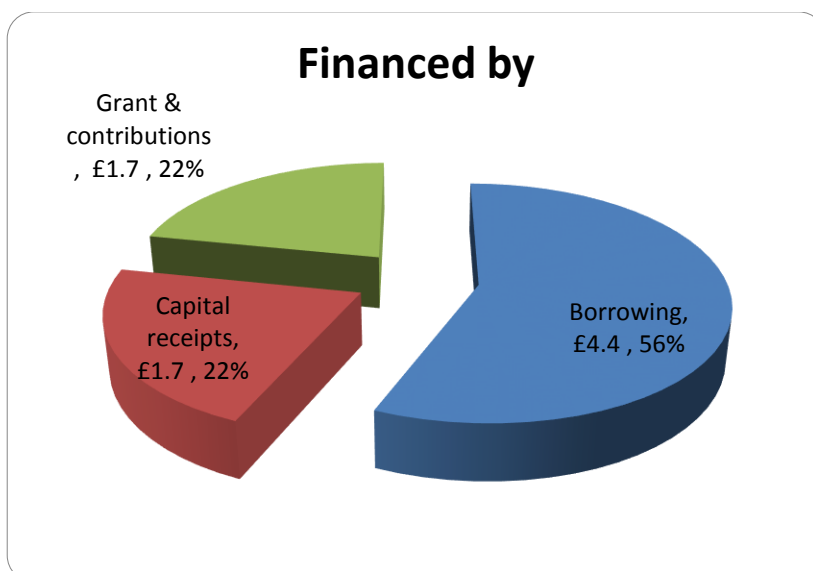
This is expenditure on items which will provide a lasting benefit and includes acquisition and renovation of land and buildings, purchase of computers and software (Technology) and larger items of equipment. The total of expenditure for the year was £7.9 million. Capital Expenditure on buildings continues to achieve greater partnership working, and with the locating Police Officers in the heart of communities. Investment has been made in environmental technologies. Modernising technology continues to be a priority. The cost of borrowing and repayments is met from the Revenue Account.

Capital expenditure £m



This was financed from the following sources;

Capital financing £m



If you have any ideas or suggestions about how the information in these summary accounts could be improved or if you would like more information, please contact The Nottinghamshire Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner

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