



REPORT TO: British Transport Police Authority

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SUBJECT: Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2009-10
Monitoring at Period 9 (27 November 2009)

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the position on the Revenue Budget and Capital programme for the current year as at Period 9 – ending 27 November 2009.
- 1.2 The year to date position shows actual net expenditure just over £0.1m behind profiled budget for the period – an improved position compared with period 7 (£0.4m) and period 8 (£0.3m).
- 1.3 The forecast outturn on the revenue budget indicates, at this stage, an underspend of £61,000 after taking account of transfers to reserves.
- 1.4 Expenditure on the capital programme is at an acceptable level but there is a small amount of funding available for urgent projects.

2. REVENUE BUDGET

- 2.1 Appendices A and B summarise the year to date and forecast outturn and indicate that the year to date position shows an underspend against profile of £104,000 – an improved position to that reported for period 8 (£349,000).



- 2.2 The forecast outturn shows an underspend of £61,000. This is after transferring £400,000 to reserves as agreed by the Strategy Budget & Performance Monitoring (SB&PM) Committee and is an acceptable position and shows a variance of 0.03% from the approved budget. As part of the Finance Reviews being undertaken for period 10 a number of budget pressures have been identified both at the end of this financial year and early in next year. Savings are consciously being sought in the remainder of this year so that, if necessary, provision can be made from the current year's budget where appropriate. Further details will be provided in the monitoring report for period 10 which will be brought to SB&PM Committee at its meeting in February.

Analysis by FHQ and Areas (Appendix A)

- 2.3 The year to date position on the DCC's portfolio shows a net overspend of £8,000 (less than 0.1%) – which is made up of an overspend on legal fees in the Professional Standards department and underspends elsewhere in the portfolio. Overall the portfolio will cover its own under and over spends and come in on budget at year end.
- 2.4 The Crime department's budget shows a small underspend (£22,000 or 0.2%) against profile for the year to date and an expected forecast overspend of £9,000 (less than 0.1%). This is a similar position to period 8.
- 2.5 The Operations Department's budget shows an underspend year to date of £22,000 and is because of staff vacancies. The forecast outturn is close to budget as some of the current underspend will be used to support prioritised operational needs on Areas.
- 2.6 The Director of HR's budget is showing an underspend year to date of £24,000 (0.3%) and this is as a result of holding posts vacant within the portfolio. This budget has been reprofiled to reflect changes in the portfolio, including those related to Learning and Development and new arrangements for the Student Officer programme. The forecast overspend includes severance payments as a result of closing Tadworth.



- 2.7 The year to date position on the Director of Finance and Corporate Services' budget reflects some ongoing vacant posts and delayed costs relating to later occupation of some buildings. The forecast outturn leaves an underlying net underspend of £76,000, largely as the result of additional corporate income.
- 2.8 As far as Areas are concerned all are close to a profiled budget at year to date (within about 1%) with the trend continuing to the forecast outturn. Following discussions at the Finance Reviews, both Wales and Western and Scotland budgets have been reviewed in detail and revised forecasts are much closer to the approved budgets.

Subjective Analysis (Appendix B)

- 2.10 The year to date position on staff costs at £184,000 (0.2%) is an improvement on that for period 8 and reflects a review of recruitment plans etc and the fact that event overtime (including football) is now coming more in line with the profile. The forecast outturn shows an overspend of £94,000 (less than 0.1%), most of which will be covered by additional income or grant.
- 2.11 Premises costs are under profile because of later than expected access to some premises and other small savings in a number of areas. This trend will continue into the forecast outturn.
- 2.12 The Communications and Computers budget shows an overspend of £40,000 (0.7%) year to date against profile and is an improved position on that for period 8. The small forecast overspend (0.1%) is as a result of Areas and Departments using savings in other parts of their budgets to provide additional IT equipment.
- 2.13 The Transport budget shows an overspend year to date (£46,000 or 1.5%) – this relates mainly to additional hotel and travel costs caused by operational requirements. It is expected that the forecast outturn will be closer to budget (£22,000) but will still show an overspend.



- 2.14 Supplies and Services shows a small overspend (£52,000 or 0.6%) against profiled budget year to date and this generally is a result of budget holders using savings elsewhere in their budget or income from grants etc to provide additional equipment. This trend continues into the forecast outturn.
- 2.15 Grants for the provision of specific services have been approved and these are due to be received in the latter part of the year. The forecast additional £19,000 will be offset by the costs of providing those services.
- 2.16 The underlying trend of additional income over budget continues. As with grants, this additional income will cover the costs of the additional services provided.

London Underground

- 2.17 The figures for L Area (London Underground) are not part of Appendices A and B but the figures for period 9 are provided below:

Revenue Budget 2009/10 - London Underground (L Area)								
	To Period: 09				Full Year			
	Profiled Budget	Actual	Variance		Approved Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Staff Costs	32,708	31,911	797	2.4	47,676	46,861	815	1.7
Other costs	2,697	3,119	(422)	-15.6	3,964	4,336	(372)	-9.4
Gross Expenditure:	35,405	35,030	375	1.1	51,640	51,197	443	0.9

Staffing costs are behind profile because of delays in recruitment and some posts are being held vacant in an attempt to achieve a target underspend on the year of £0.5m as requested by LUL. The largest elements of the overspend – both year to date and forecast - on other costs relate to forensic costs and FME charges, offset by savings on uniform costs.



3. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 3.1 Appendix C sets out a summarised position on the capital programme as at period 9 which indicates that, overall, 55% of the approved funded programme from the Department for Transport (DfT) has been spent or committed to date – a considerable improvement on previous years at this time.
- 3.2 As reported to SB&PM at its last meeting, the London North custody programme has slipped from the original plan because of delays in planning consent, the manufacturing of the units and some other technical matters. Appendix C reflects that position in that there is a likely underspend on the Estates element of the Capital Programme of £1.2m.
- 3.3 BTPs Programme Board is considering further additions to the Programme so that no capital grant from the DfT will be lost. The amount available for reallocation is currently £140,000 (but a there will be a further detailed review at the end of period 10) and this must be spent before 31 March 2010.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Authority note the position on the revenue budget and capital programme.



Appendix A

Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Analysis by Budget Holder	To Period: 09				Full Year				Report Paragraph
	Profiled Budget	Actual	Variance		Approved Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	
FHQ Departments:									
Deputy Chief Constable	11,181	11,189	(8)	(0.07)	17,142	17,142	0	0.00	2.3
ACC (Crime)	10,555	10,533	22	0.21	16,467	16,476	(9)	(0.05)	2.4
ACC (Operations)	12,531	12,509	22	0.18	18,922	18,919	3	0.02	2.5
ACC (London and the Olympics)	461	465	(4)	(0.87)	701	701	0	0.00	
Director of Human Resources	9,641	9,617	24	0.25	15,090	15,108	(18)	(0.12)	2.6
Director of Finance and Corporate Services	11,038	10,997	41	0.37	23,629	23,553	76	0.32	2.7
Total FHQ:	55,407	55,310	97	0.18	91,951	91,899	52	0.06	
Areas:									
London North	14,729	14,715	14	0.10	23,205	23,197	8	0.03	2.8
London South	17,339	17,305	34	0.20	26,464	26,457	7	0.03	2.8
North East	9,564	9,540	24	0.25	14,668	14,658	10	0.07	2.8
North West	10,582	10,566	16	0.15	16,374	16,364	10	0.06	2.8
Wales and Western	10,778	10,832	(54)	(0.50)	16,299	16,306	(7)	(0.04)	2.8
Scotland	8,040	8,067	(27)	(0.34)	12,220	12,239	(19)	(0.16)	2.8
Total Force:	126,439	126,335	104	0.08	201,181	201,120	61	0.03	

Appendix B

Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Analysis by Expenditure / Income Type	To Period: 09				Full Year				Report Paragraph
	Profiled Budget	Actual	Variance		Approved Budget	Forecast Outturn	Variance		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	
Expenditure:									
Staff costs	108,770	108,586	184	0.17	165,752	165,846	(94)	(0.06)	2.10
Premises	8,890	8,869	21	0.24	14,291	14,258	33	0.23	2.11
Communications and Computers	5,996	6,036	(40)	(0.67)	10,007	10,017	(10)	(0.10)	2.12
Transport	3,091	3,137	(46)	(1.49)	4,359	4,381	(22)	(0.50)	2.13
Supplies and Services	8,872	8,924	(52)	(0.59)	18,338	18,376	(38)	(0.21)	2.14
Capital charges etc.	7,241	7,241	0	0.00	12,032	12,032	0	0.00	
Contribution to Reserves					400	400	0		
Total expenditure:	142,860	142,793	67	0.05	225,179	225,310	(131)	(0.06)	
Income:									
Grants	(1,692)	(1,702)	10	(0.59)	(2,842)	(2,861)	19	(0.67)	2.15
Other income	(14,729)	(14,756)	27	(0.18)	(21,156)	(21,329)	173	(0.82)	2.16
Total income:	(16,421)	(16,458)	37	(0.23)	(23,998)	(24,190)	192	(0.80)	
Total Net Expenditure:	126,439	126,335	104	0.08	201,181	201,120	61	0.03	

Appendix C

Capital Programme 2009/10 - Position at the end of Period 9											
	Budget			Year to Date				Forecast			Report Paragraph
	Original Programme	In Year Changes	Revised Programme	Commitments	Actual Spend	Total Spend and Commitments	Balance Remaining of Revised Programme	Forecast Spend for the Year	Variance from Revised Programme Underspend / (Overpend)		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%	
Department for Transport Funded:											
Estates	7,870	0	7,870	525	1,974	2,499	5,371	6,670	1,200	15.25%	3.2
Information Technology	4,791	(500)	4,291	1,428	1,709	3,137	1,154	4,152	139	3.25%	
Vehicles	1,900	0	1,900	1,454	49	1,503	397	1,900	0	0.00%	
Other	1,191	146	1,337	356	785	1,141	196	1,323	14	1.05%	
Central Street Landlord's Contribution	(1,200)	0	(1,200)	0	(1,185)	(1,185)	(15)	(1,185)	(15)	1.25%	
Unallocated	(1,552)	354	(1,198)					140	(1,338)	111.69%	3.3
Total DfT Funded:	13,000	0	13,000	3,763	3,332	7,095	7,103	13,000	0	0.00%	
Funded from Other Sources:											
Olympics (DfT Separately Funded)	1,180	0	1,180	373	130	503	677	700	480	40.67%	
CCTV Hub (Network Rail)	506	94	600	249	383	632	(32)	605	(5)	-0.84%	
Airwave - Severn Tunnel (Network Rail)	226	34	260	259	0	259	1	259	0	0.06%	
Other	95	120	215	0	75	75	140	89	126	58.44%	
Total Other Funding:	2,007	248	2,255	881	588	1,469	786	1,654	601	26.64%	
Total Programme:	15,007	248	15,255	4,644	3,920	8,564	7,889	14,655	601	3.94%	