

**Report to:** Police Authority  
**Agenda item:** 6  
**Date:** 13 May 2010  
**Subject:** BTPA 2009/10 Preliminary Outturn  
**Sponsor:** Chief Executive  
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**For:** Decision

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## 1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 This paper details the financial position at the end of the 2009/10 financial year.

## 2. The Outturn

- 2.1 The Year End position is an overspend of £762k against a budget of £1,918.5k. This has increased by £100k following the forecast which was reported to the March Authority meeting. The increase is a result of higher than anticipated legal and consultancy costs adding around £44k to the outturn. Internal audit costs rose by £15k as a result of the additional work commissioned by the Authority. Recruitment costs also came in higher than forecast by £35k due to the chief executive recruitment.
- 2.2 As previously reported, there has been considerable movement from the original budget but the overspend can be accounted for by the additional costs incurred as a result of the Judicial Review Project, including additional staff costs, consultancy and legal fees. A summary of the outturn is presented at Appendix A with detailed comments.

## 3. Legal Costs

- 3.1 The overspend reported does not include the £555.8k which was awarded against BTPA following the Judicial Review as this has been covered under the loan agreement with the DfT.

#### **4. Dealing with the overspend**

- 4.1 It was agreed at the March Authority meeting that the overspend, would be met from the reserves. This excludes the legal costs of £555.8k awarded against BTPA which are covered by the DfT loan agreement.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 That Members note the preliminary outturn position and the treatment of the overspend.

## Appendix A – 2009/10 Outturn compared to Gross budget and P12 forecast

	<b>Gross Budget 2009/10</b>	<b>Full Year Forecast at P12 2009/10</b>	<b>Full Year Outturn</b>	<b>Comments on any significant movements</b>
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
<b>Staff costs inc. expenses</b>				
Staff	567.1	839.5	827.1	The total overspend is largely a result of the costs of the Interim Chief Executive and JR Project Direction.
Members	257.1	263.7	275.6	No significant movement
<b>Total staff costs</b>	<b>825.1</b>	<b>1,103.3</b>	<b>1,102.7</b>	
<b>Non staff costs</b>				
Travel and Hotel costs	60.7	7.5	12.1	The overspend in staff costs is partly
Premises and Office Costs	121.7	124.5	119.7	No significant movement
Telephones	5.2	6.2	6.2	No movement
Consultants & Consultation				
<i>Independent Custody     Visiting</i>	<i>26.4</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>15.2</i>	No significant movement
<i>General Consultancy</i>	<i>84.6</i>	<i>463.4</i>	<i>507.6</i>	Some legal fees have been allocated to the consultancy code incorrectly due to an issue with eprocurement and we are in the process of identifying these and moving them to the correct account code. I anticipate that once this work is finalised the outturn for this activity will be around the forecast figure with legal fees figure increasing.
<i>Stakeholder Consultation</i>	<i>29.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>0.0</i>	No movement
Total Consultants and Consultation	139.9	484.4	522.8	
Legal Fees	284.7	395.9	419.2	Legal costs have been very difficult to anticipate particularly due to a number of FOI requests from ATW to our solicitors which have significantly increased these.
Police Appeals	28.0	8.9	5.2	No significant movement
Subscriptions and Publications	85.3	53.1	55.8	No significant movement
Supplies & Services				
<i>General (inc. conferences,     catering, vending machines)</i>	<i>11.1</i>	<i>14.3</i>	10.1	No significant movement
<i>HMIC Inspections</i>	<i>82.0</i>	<i>47.0</i>	47.0	No movement
<i>External Audit</i>	<i>120.0</i>	<i>140.0</i>	140.0	No movement
<i>Internal Audit</i>	<i>90.4</i>	<i>90.4</i>	104.5	The cost of Tribal's additional work for BTPA was not included when last reported.
Total Supplies and Services	303.5	291.7	301.6	No significant movement
Postage, Printing & Stationery	18.1	19.4	15.7	No significant movement
Recruitment	46.5	85.4	119.5	This breaks down as Chief Constable £11.4k, Deputy Chief Constable £24.0k, Chief Executive £56.7k and Assistant Chief Constable £4.5 plus a few smaller costs making up the additional £22.9k
<b>Total non staff costs</b>	<b>1,093.5</b>	<b>1,477.0</b>	<b>1,577.8</b>	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1,918.5</b>	<b>2,580.3</b>	<b>2,680.5</b>	The total variance between the budget and outturn is <b>£762.0k</b>