

Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary as at 31st March 2016

2014/15 Outturn £'000	Division Service Areas	2015/16 Original Budget £'000	2015/16 Latest Approved £'000	2015/16 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
311	Public Protection Community Safety	256	246	219	Cr 27	1	Cr 30	0
341	Mortuary & Coroners Service	353	353	332	(21)	2	0	0
1,607	Public Protection	1,511	1,526	1,464	(61)	3	Cr 5	0
2,259	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE FOR PPS	2,120	2,125	2,015	Cr 109		Cr 35	0
92	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	6	426	426	0		0	0
9	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	151	(24)	(24)	0		0	0
2,360	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	2,277	2,527	2,417	Cr 109		Cr 35	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget £'000

Original Budget 2015/16 2,277

Domestic Abuse - Grant Related Expenditure 26

Domestic Abuse - Grant Related Income Cr 26

Merit Awards 5

Memorandum Items

Deferred Charges (REFCUS) 240

IAS19 (FRS17) 179

Excluded Recharges Cr 174

Reported Latest Approved Budget for 2015/16 2,527

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS**1. Community Safety Cr £27k**

There is an underspend on salaries of £21k due to a combination of maternity leave and staff leaving earlier than budgeted as part of the savings options.

Bromley received a DCLG grant in 2014/15 and 2015/16 for £86,570 relating to the prevention of domestic abuse. The grant was awarded on the understanding that the project would be delivered by Bromley Women's Aid (BWA) during 2015/16 and 2016/17. On 9 September, Executive agreed to carry forward any residual balance of the grant into 2016/17 to enable BWA to deliver the project. A sum of £60,610 has been transferred to the grant contingency and a carry forward request will be submitted to the Executive.

Other net minor variations total Cr £6k.

Summary of variations within Community Safety:	£'000
Variations within employee costs	Cr 21
Net minor variations	Cr 6
DCLG Grant 2015/16 (£60,610)	Cr 61
DCLG Grant 2015/16 to reserves Request for carry forward to 2016/17 £60,610)	<u>61</u>
Total variation for Community Safety	<u>Cr 27</u>

2. Mortuary and Coroners Service Cr £21k

There is an underspend on Mortuary costs of £14k as the existing fixed rate contract was still in force until late in 2015/16. The new contract for the Mortuary at the Princess Royal University Hospital was finalised but the charging system remained the same because of issues with Kings NHS IT systems. There is also a minor underspend of £7k on the Coroners Service.

3. Public Protection Cr £61k

£19k is the result of underspends on Employee costs, due to vacancies and some staff leaving earlier than budgeted as part of the savings options.

The number of dogs being kept in kennels and associated medical costs have been lower than in previous years, partly helped by the mild winter. As a result of this and also the changes to the kennelling charges through the award of a new contract, there is an underspend of Cr £50k for 2015/16.

Concreting works undertaken at Wagtail Way to deter fly tipping were carried out, but costs were significantly lower than estimated. A number of other initiatives for fly tipping also came in lower than estimated or had to be deferred. This has meant that the planned spend was £60k less than previously projected.

Other minor variations across the division total Dr £8k.

Summary of variations within Public Protection:	£'000
Variations within employee costs	Cr 19
Stray dogs kennelling contract	Cr 50
Other minor variations	8
Total variation for Public Protection	<u>Cr 61</u>

Waiver of Financial Regulations:

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that where the value of a contract exceeds £50k and is to be exempted from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations, the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Resources and Finance Director and (where over £100,000) approval of the Portfolio Holder, and report use of this exemption to Audit Sub committee bi-annually. Since the last report to the Executive, no waivers have been actioned:

Virements Approved to date under Director's Delegated Powers

Details of virements actioned by Chief Officers under delegated authority under the Financial Regulations "Scheme of Virement" will be included in financial monitoring reports to the Portfolio Holder. Since the last report to Executive, no virements have been actioned: