Public Protection & Safety Portfolio Budget Monitoring Summary

2015/16		2016/17	2016/17			Notes		Full Year
Actuals	Service Areas	Original		•			Last	Effect
		Budget	Approved				Reported	
£		£	£	£	£		£	£
	Public Protection							
219	Community Safety	126	126	121	Cr 5	1	0	0
70	Emergency Planning	78	78	78	0	2	0	0
333	Mortuary & Coroners Service	355	395	471	76	3	0	0
1,464	Public Protection	1,389	1,300	1,238	Cr 62	4	Cr 20	0
2,086	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	1,948	1,899	1,908	9		0	0
426	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	6	6	6	0		0	0
29	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	159	159	159	0		0	0
455	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	2,113	2,064	2,073	9		0	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget	£'000	
Original Budget 2016/17		2,113
Community Safety DCLG Grant year 2	Cr	61
Community Safety DCLG Grant year 2 expenditure		61
Salary budget to Quality Assurance - ECHS	Cr	30
Salary budget for asbestos works to corporate (TFM contract)	Cr	19
Latest Approved Budget for 2016/17		2,064

REASONS FOR VARIATIONS

1. Community Safety Cr £5k

There are minor underspends across staffing and running expenses of Cr £5k.

2. Emergency Planning £0k.

There is a sundry creditor provision no longer required for a payment to London Fire and Planning Authority Cr £15k and minor variations of Cr £5k on running expenses. This underspend of £20k is to be used on business continuity planning.

3. Mortuary and Coroners Service Dr £76k

There is a projected underspend on Mortuary costs of Cr £48k based on the information received to date. The new contract for the Mortuary at the Princess Royal University Hospital is underway and the basic charges are currently lower than the previous contract.

On the Coroners Service there is a projected overspend of Dr £124k based on estimated service costs provided by London Borough of Croydon who administer the Coroners Service Consortium made up of four local authorities. This is due to a number of issues which have come to light in recent months. The Davis House, Croydon, refurbishment cost for housing the Coroner's court have escalated without prior agreement by the Consortium. The refurbishment project is being directly managed by Croydon. The projected revenue costs have also increased considerably for 2016/17. The estimated costs for 2016/17 and 2017/18 have not been broken down in detail by Croydon or reasons provided to explain the significant increase in costs of the service. Further information has been requested from the accountants at Croydon.

4. Public Protection Cr £62k

Salaries are projected to be underspent by £10k due to vacancies and there is a projected underspend of Cr £4k on leased cars.

Credits on electricity bills for previous financial years together with lower tariffs has resulted in a projected underspend of Cr £16k on electricity. Transport costs are due to be Cr 15k under budget as a result of the purchase of the vehicle last financial year.

Overall there is a net variation of Cr £16k for Supplies and Services which is mainly on office equipment and grants and subscriptions.

Additional income of Cr £23k is forecast, Cr £17k is from Homes in Multiple Occupation licences income and Cr £6k is from SDK Stray dogs reclaims.

The Uniform system requires updating which will cost Dr £22k. These costs include upgrade costs of the Idox system, an upfront one-off licence fee, and the BT contract costs.

Summary of variations		£'000
Staffing related costs	Cr	14
Electricity for CCTV	Cr	16
Transport	Cr	15
Supplies and Services	Cr	16
Additional income	Cr	23
Uniform system upgrade		22
Total variations	Cr	62

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, the following virements have been actioned:

1) A virement of £10k to Care Services for monitoring of the Domestic Abuse related contracts (from Public Protection).