

Public Protection & Enforcement Budget Monitoring Summary

2017/18 Actuals £'000	Service Areas	2018/19 Original Budget £'000	2018/19 Latest Approved £'000	2018/19 Projected Outturn £'000	Variation £'000	Notes	Variation Last Reported £'000	Full Year Effect £'000
	PP&E PORTFOLIO							
	Public Protection							
138	Community Safety	151	151	139	Cr 12	1	Cr 12	0
96	Emergency Planning	115	120	93	Cr 27	2	Cr 16	0
447	Mortuary & Coroners Service	485	485	535	50	3	54	0
1,265	Public Protection	1,673	1,722	1,492	Cr 230	4	Cr 144	0
1,946	TOTAL CONTROLLABLE	2,424	2,478	2,259	Cr 219		Cr 118	0
250	TOTAL NON CONTROLLABLE	11	11	11	0		0	0
391	TOTAL EXCLUDED RECHARGES	428	428	428	0		0	0
2,587	PORTFOLIO TOTAL	2,863	2,917	2,698	Cr 219		Cr 118	0

Reconciliation of Latest Approved Budget £'000

Original Budget 2018/19 2,863

Carry Forward Requests approved from 2017/18

Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme - Income Cr 48
 Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme - Expenditure 48
 Additional ECS resources - delay in recruitment 67

Transfer of Resources to HR (Health & Safety) Cr 13

Latest Approved Budget for 2018/19 2,917

1. Community Safety Cr £12k

There are minor underspend of £12k on supplies and services across the community safety budgets.

2. Emergency Planning Cr £27k

Within the Emergency Planning service, there is a £27k underspend mainly due to part year vacancies.

3. Mortuary and Coroners Service Dr £50k

At the end of 2017/18 a provision was made for the outstanding quarter 4 payment for the Coroners service, based on information provided by LB Croydon who administer the Consortium service. The actual cost for quarter 4 was £104k, resulting in a balance of £55k of the provision which is no longer required.

Based on the latest information from Croydon, the cost for Bromley for 2018/19 is £445k, an overspend of £23k against a budget of £395k. This is mainly due to additional security costs and I.T. upgrades. Officers anticipate a further overspend of £82k due to a number of large inquests. This includes the additional counsel and legal costs for the Butler case as well as other potential large cases that will be heard in 2018/19.

The existing Mortuary contract has been extended to September 2019, whilst officers continue to negotiate a new Mortuary contract. Until the new contract has been agreed with the provider, the full year effect cost cannot be calculated.

Summary of variations on Mortuary and Coroners Service

	£'000
Release of provision no longer required on Coroners	Cr 55
Overspend on Coroners Service (incl. large inquests)	105
Total variations on Mortuary and Coroners Service	<u>50</u>

4. Public Protection Cr £230k

On 21 May 2018, Members approved a carry forward request of £67k relating to additional resources for the temporary fixed term Food Safety officers and interim PP&E Assistant Director post. Delays with recruiting the final temporary food safety officer has resulted in a further underspend of £72k. In total, £139k will need to be carried forward to 2019/20 and 2020/21 to enable the temporary posts to be funded for the remaining agreed term.

Across Public Protection, there is £19k underspend on car allowance and lease car budgets, which offsets the £18k additional cost for Food Safety 'Pay as you go' inspections.

£18k has been spent on an additional training course on Advanced Certificate in Investigative Practice (ACIP) to ensure that all investigations are of a consistently high standard.

During closing of the accounts for 2017/18, a provision was made for the potential VAT liabilities for Works in default. As some of the cases that relate to a statutory notice are non Vatable, £25k of the provision is no longer required.

There is £10k underspend on the animal health and inspection service provided by City of London.

It is anticipated that there will be additional licensing income of £42k mainly from the Food Hygiene re-rating scheme and Houses in Multiple Occupation.

£48k of both income and expenditure budget was carried forward from the 2017/18 Proceeds of Crime Act prosecution (Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme) for works that were planned to be undertaken by Trading Standards on behalf on the Planning section in the current financial year. £28k of the works that were undertaken during 2018/19 were funded from underspends elsewhere in the service, enabling the funding to be carried forward for another year. Therefore £48k of both income and expenditure budget will need to be carried forward again into 2019/20 when the works will now take place.

Other various minor underspends across supplies and services total £31k.

Summary of variations on Public Protection

	£'000
Underspend on fixed term Food Safety officers and interim PP&E AD to be c/f	Cr 139
Underspend on lease car and car allowance	Cr 19
Food Safety 'Pay as you go' inspections	18
Additional staff training costs	18
Release of provision no longer required on VAT liabilities	Cr 25
Underspend on Animal Health & inspection service	Cr 10
Surplus of income licenses	Cr 42
Other minor variations	Cr 31
Total variations on Public Protection	<u>Cr 230</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 exempt from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotations the Chief Officer has to obtain the agreement of the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Finance and the Director of Commissioning 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 over £50k 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.