

Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

15 July 2019

Home Office Grant 2018/19 – Final Claim

Report of the Secretary

Purpose of the Report

1. To report on the allocation of grant received from the Home Office to meet the costs of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel during 2018/19.

Recommendations

2. The Panel is asked to note and make comment on the expenditure for 2018/19.

Background

3. Each year the Home Office allocates a grant to the Local Authority which acts as Host Authority for its area Police, Fire and Crime Panel to meet the costs of administrative support and management services to the Panel. Included in that Grant is an amount of up to £920 per annum for each Panel member to meet expenses and costs incurred in carrying out their role. Notification of Grant entitlement is issued by the Home Office and a claim for up to that amount has to be submitted at the end of the financial year.

4. Following the transfer last summer of governance responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service to the Staffordshire Commissioner, the Home Office approved a 20% uplift to the amount claimed for 2017/18, to recognise the additional costs associated with the Panel's wider role and responsibilities. The total grant allocation for 2018/19 was therefore £72,746.

5. As the Host Authority for the Staffordshire Panel, Staffordshire County Council accepted the grant offer for 2018/19 and is responsible for its use. In addition to supporting Panel meetings and members, the County Council provides all other support services (legal, financial, complaints handling, Information governance and administration). In addition, preparations for the Panels wider role including training and briefing events for members increased the total costs over the year. A breakdown of costs incurred reclaimed from the Home Office is shown at Appendix 1

Transparency

6. The terms of the Home Office Grant Agreement, state that the Police, Fire and Crime Panel will "publish" as a minimum on their website details of all expenditure including Panel administration costs and individual members' expense and allowances. Consequently Appendix 1 will be published on this Panel's dedicated pages on Staffordshire County Councils' website.

Future Home Office Funding

8. At the time of writing this report notification of grant allocation for 2019/20 is still awaited however an e mail has been received giving assurance that the Home Office intends to offer grants at the same level as previous years. Formal authority to the grant stream is awaited from HM Treasury.

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APPENDIX 1

**Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel Home Office Grant Allocation
2018/19**

EXPENDITURE HEADING	AMOUNT £
Officer Support	58,605.82
Administration	1,080.00
Training/Travel	1430.43
Members' Expenses/Allowances	
Bennett, C	920.04
Conteh, R.	920.04
Darby, P.	920.04
Doyle, S.	920.04
Edgeller, A (incl NI)	955.66
Edwards, B.R.	920.04
Gaskin, S	920.04
Jackson, P	920.04
Pullen, D	184.01
Sweeney, S	583.68
Williams, D	460.02
Walker, K.	920.04
Waring, J*	1145.10
Yeates, A	736.03
	11,424.82
TOTAL	72,541.07
Total Grant available	72,746.00
Underspend/unclaimed	-204.93

*Includes arrears payment from 2017/18