

Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

13 July 2020

Home Office Grant 2019/20 Final Claim and 2020/21 Allocation

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 2019/20 and on the grant allocated for 2020/21.

Recommendations

2. The Panel is asked to note the report and make comment on the expenditure for 2019/20.

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 of governance responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service to the Staffordshire Commissioner in August 2018, the Home Office approved a short term 20% uplift to the Grant to recognise the additional costs associated with the Panel's wider role and responsibilities. For 2019/20 the residue of that uplift is £2,254 which added to the core grant for administrative costs (£53,300) and the allocation for member expenses (£11,040) give a total available grant of £66,594.

5. As the Host Authority for the Staffordshire Panel, Staffordshire County Council is required to formally accept the grant offer for 2019/20 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). A breakdown of costs reclaimed from the Home Office for 2019/20 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' expenses and allowances. Consequently Appendix 1 will be published on this Panel's dedicated pages on Staffordshire County Councils' website.

Future Home Office Funding

8. In early June notice was received from the Home Office that Grant of up to £64,340 (comprising £53,300 for Administration and £11,040 for Members' Expenses) would be available for 2020/21. This figure is a return to the original allocation prior to the temporary increase referred to at paragraph 4 above.

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APPENDIX 1

**Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel Home Office Grant Allocation
2019/20**

EXPENDITURE HEADING	AMOUNT £
Officer Support	49,653.73
Administration	5,302.08
Training/Travel	623.25
Members' Expenses/Allowances	
Bennett, C	920.04
Conteh, R.	920.04
Darby, P.	920.04
Doyle, S.	920.04
Edgeller, A (incl NI)	943.97
Edwards, B.R.	920.04
Gaskin, S	920.04
Holmes, T (Part year)	776.59
Jackson, P (Part year)	93.98
Maxfield, H (Part year)	153.34
Sweeney, S	920.04
Walker, K.	920.04
Waring, J (Part year)	766.70
Yeates, A	920.04
	11,014.94
TOTAL	66594.00
Total Grant available	66594.00
Underspend/Overspend	0.00