

Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

3 July 2023

Home Office Grant 2022/23 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 2022/23.

Recommendations

2. The Panel is asked to note the report and make comment on the expenditure for 2022/23.

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. Expenditure for 2022/23 was made up of administrative costs and the allocation for member expenses give a total of £62,383.42.

5. As the Host Authority for the Staffordshire Panel, Staffordshire County Council is required to formally accept the grant offer for 2022/23 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 2022/23 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. Allocation from the Home Office for 2023/24 has not yet been received.

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APPENDIX 1

**Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel Home Office Grant Allocation
2022/23**

EXPENDITURE HEADING	AMOUNT £
Officer Support	50,279.63
Administration	304.27
Webcasting	960.00
Members' Expenses/Allowances:	
Cllr Ann Edgeller	920.04
Cllr Ann Edgeller NI	45.68
Mr Keith Walker	920.04
Martin Summers	783.13
Roger Lees	920.04
Thomas Holmes	920.04
Jackie Barnes (Part Year)	784.01
Lesley Adams (Part year)	136.03
Bernard Peters	784.33
Adrian Bowen	920.04
Bryan Jones	920.04
Philip Hudson	920.04
Gillian Heesom	920.04
Richard Cox	920.04
Additional NI Payments	25.98
TOTAL	62,383.42
Total Grant available	64,340.00
Underspend/Overspend	- 1,956.58

NB: There are 12 members on the Panel. Members are appointed by individual authority in May or June each year. There are also member changes throughout the year. This results in part year payments. Payments are listed for the financial year April 2022 to March 2023.