

# **Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel**

**21 June 2021**

## **Home Office Grant 2020/21 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 2020/21.

#### **Recommendations**

2. The Panel is asked to note the report and make comment on the expenditure for 2020/21.

#### **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. However, for 2020/21 the core grant returned to the original allocation prior to the temporary increase of **£64,340.00**. Expenditure for 2020/21 was made up of; administrative costs (£50,855); the allocation for member expenses (£11,049) give a total of £61,904.

5. As the Host Authority for the Staffordshire Panel, Staffordshire County Council is required to formally accept the grant offer for 2020/21 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 2020/21 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 2021/22 has not yet been received.

### **Contact Officer**

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## APPENDIX 1

**Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel Home Office Grant Allocation  
2020/21**

EXPENDITURE HEADING	AMOUNT £
Officer Support	47,640.16
Administration	2,756.00
Training/Travel	458.64
Members' Expenses/Allowances:	
Adams, L (Part year)	667.77
Bennett, C (Part year)	126.13
Conteh, R. (Part year)	230.01
Darby, P.	920.04
Doyle, S.	920.04
Edgeller, A (incl NI)	942.80
Edwards, B.R.	920.04
Gaskin, S	920.04
Holmes, T	920.04
Maxfield, H (incl part payment for 2019/20)	1001.66
Pearson A (part year)	720.70
Sweeney, S	920.04
Walker, K.	920.04
Yeates, A	920.04
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,904.19</b>
<b>Total Grant available</b>	<b>64,340.00</b>
Underspend/Overspend	-2,435.81