



Agenda item 4b.

<b>To:</b>	The Sussex Police & Crime Panel
<b>From:</b>	The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner
<b>Subject:</b>	Budget Timetable 2018/19
<b>Date:</b>	6 October 2017
<b>Recommendations:</b>	That the Police & Crime Panel note and comment on the report.

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) and the Chief Constable share a responsibility to provide effective financial and budget planning for the short, medium and longer term. This report provides an overview of the process.
- 1.2 [Financial Regulations](#) (Also see link below) include the requirement for the PCC, in consultation with the Chief Constable, to identify and agree the annual revenue and capital budget and a Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) which includes funding and spending plans for both revenue and capital. Those regulations also set out guidance on the method and process to prepare the budget.
- 1.3 The timetable for the preparation of the 2018/19 revenue and capital budget including approval of the precept and preparation of the 2018/19 to 2021/22 MTFS has been completed and work has begun to review and revise all the key assumptions, including expected levels of funding.
- 1.4 The dates for the announcement of Home Office police funding have not been set but there is an expectation of some form of high level announcement in the new autumn budget statement (expected November 2017) and the announcement of the draft police finance settlement in December 2017.
- 1.5 The PCC and Chief Constable will work closely with their Chief Finance Officers, budget holders, stakeholders, partners, government and other advisers over the next few months to ensure the estimates are prepared and the MTFS is revised.
- 1.6 The PCC and Chief Constable will continue to supply evidence and other information to inform the Home Office for their financial settlement plans and negotiations with HM Treasury. They will also respond to the Department for Communities and Local Government's technical consultation on the proposed Local Government Finance Settlement 2018/19.
- 1.7 The PCC will progress proposals for the 2018/19 precept and present them to the Panel for scrutiny at the meeting on 19 January 2018.
- 1.8 Subject to the completion of that process the PCC will approve, as a key decision, the 2018/19 revenue and capital budget, precept, reserves, risk assessment and the prudential indicators in accordance with legislation. This meeting is provisionally set for 6 February 2018.

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- 1.9 Following the decision the Chief Finance Officer will issue the statutory precept notices to the billing authorities.
- 1.10 It is also proposed that the MTFS 2018/19 – 2021/22 will be approved as a key decision at the same meeting.
- 1.11 The Annual Treasury Management Strategy Statement will be reviewed by the Joint Audit Committee in March and then approved by the PCC as a key decision.

**Recommended** – That the Police & Crime Panel note and comment on the report.

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Link to Financial Regulations - <https://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/media/1767/financial-regs.pdf>