



Resources Committee

Minutes of the Resources Committee held on 9 August 2022 via MS Teams.

Board Members present:	Grant Macrae (Chair) Alasdair Hay Katharina Kasper Catriona Stewart Caroline Stuart
Board Member apologies:	Nil
In attendance:	Chris Brown, Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) John McNellis, Head of Finance, Audit and Risk Scott Ross, Head of Change and Operational Scrutiny Deborah Christie, Governance Support Officer Police Scotland Lynn Brown, Strategic Financial Planning and Budgeting Lead Roddy Fraser, Programme Manager James Gray, Chief Financial Officer Jude Helliker, Director of People and Development Andrew Hendry, Chief Digital and Information Officer Derek Hiley, Estates Change Manager Iain McKie, Head of Strategic Procurement DCO David Page, Deputy Chief Officer Chief Superintendent Kate Stephen, Local Commander

	Other Attendees Jacqueline Farmer, Audit Scotland Beatriz Sanchez, Scottish Government
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1.1 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Grant Macrae welcomed everyone to the MS Teams meeting. Colleagues from Audit Scotland and Scottish Government were welcomed to the call as observers.

There were no apologies.

1.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTREST

There were no declarations of interest.

1.3 RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTE FROM MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2022 - FOR APPROVAL

Members **AGREED** the Minute from the Resources Committee held on held on 13 June 2022 was an accurate record of the meeting.

1.4 DECISION ON TAKING BUSINESS IN PRIVATE (ITEMS 4 – 10)

In accordance with paragraph 20 of the SPA Standing Orders, the Committee **AGREED** to consider items 4 – 10 on the agenda in private.

2.1 FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT Q1 2022/23 - Lynn Brown

Members considered the report which had been submitted to provide an update on the financial position of the SPA and Police Scotland for quarter one of the financial year 2022/23. During discussion and in addition to the written report the following points were raised and discussed;

- The Committee was provided with a summary of the key areas of revenue, capital and reform budgets as detailed in the submitted report.
- The committee explored how the one-off savings from lower officer headcount are funding increases in non-pay spend and discussed how a return to establishment officer strength this year did not appear to be affordable.
- It was explained that a number of threats and opportunities are being closely monitored, some of which may crystallise in the Q2 forecast.

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- Members sought clarity on what planning had been done to fully understand the budget impacts of the recent changes in officer pensions and heard that modelling had been done with the expectation there will be a spike and then the levels will stabilise thereafter the budgeting will be using the new baseline.
- The committee heard that the introduction of the AO Template approval process (which must be followed by all public bodies for all resource expenditure greater than £1m which is not yet legally committed (even if within existing budget allocations)) was causing some challenges and the Finance Team was working with Scottish Government colleagues to streamline the admin processes.
- DCO Page explained that he had asked for urgent clarification on how the budget will be managed going forward and the response will be part of a future update at this committee.
- The committee asked for information to be provided that will give further understanding of the specific financial impact on policing non-pay costs due to the current high rate of inflation.

Members noted the report and agreed the following action;

RES-20220809-001: information to be provided that will give further understanding of the specific financial impact on policing non-pay costs due to the current high rate of inflation.

3. PROCUREMENT ANNUAL REPORT – Iain McKie

Members considered the report which had been submitted to present the draft Annual Procurement Report for 2021-2022 to Members. During discussion and in addition to the written report the following points were raised and discussed;

- Members were taken through the highlights of the report.
- The Committee welcomed the Annual Report and commended the increased volume of activity being undertaken by the Police Scotland team.
- Members discussed the ongoing activity to measure the benefits being seen from the improved approaches to procurement activity across the organisation. It was recognised that this had been challenging due to the lack of robust baseline data.
- It was agreed the final draft to be uploaded to the Police Scotland website would provide a statement on compliance with the procurement strategy to ensure that specific requirement was discharged.

Members noted the report and agreed the following action;

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RES-20220809-002: Draft to be updated before publication to include a statement on compliance with the procurement strategy. Dates in forward look section to be checked before publication.

*The following items were taken in private.
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Approved