

# Police and Crime Plan Monitoring Quarter 3 Report 2024/25 Progress Overview and Highlights



#### Crime & Burglary Fraud & Road **Business &** ASB Cyber Safety Retail Cut Crime & Anti-Social Behaviour **Uplift and Visibility** Connectivity and **Customer Service** Engagement Make Policing More Visible & Connected Addiction Violence **VAWG** DA & Child **RASSO Fight Violent** Reduction **Stalking** Abuse Crime and High Harm **Funding** Efficiency **Evidence Based** Philosophy & Policing Co-operation **Make Every Penny Count** Philosophy CJS & RJ Vulnerability Hate Young Crime People **Put Victims & Communities First** Rural Fly-tipping Wildlife Heritage Country **Fight Rural** Watch Crime Crime Resources Crime

- Funding provided to Christchurch Harbour Watch to tackle anti-social jet skiers.
- The PCC supported Dorset's Community Speed Watch (CSW) week of action.
- Police committed to refresh Local
   Neighbourhood Engagement Commitments.
- Scrutiny of the Force's arrangements and mitigations following the MARS scheme.
- Award of standard risk domestic abuse service to Victim Support Dorset.
- Continuation of funding for behaviour changing courses to be delivered by Circles Southwest.
- PCC issued a public statement about financial challenges and the outdated funding formula.
- The third phase of Right Care, Right Person went live in November.
- Victim service contract for volume crime awarded to Victim Support Dorset.
- Fix the Future funding awarded to Life Education Wessex for innovative programmes.
- Southwest forces collaborated in joint operations, including Op Honeybun.
- Rural Mounted Volunteer scheme continues to grow, now with 15 volunteers.



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### **Cut Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour**



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In the Spotl	ight			Measures of Success	Target	Current	Additional Key Indicators				Q2	Q3	
"I am consta options availabl		•		Total Crime (from 2019 baseline)		4	Non-	dwellin	g burg	lary 24/25 (YTD)	+10.8% (+61)		٨
of harm to ever	yone us	ing Dors		buseinie		-4%	Dwell	ling bu	rglary 2	24/25 (YTD)	-6.7% (-52)		V
roads, suc government for to impose on ar	r toughe	er sancti		Total ASB incidents		1	Killed	l or Ser	iously	Injured (rolling)	-9.6%		V
I hope Dorse	t Police	, partne	r	(from 2019 baseline)		-32%	ASB Y	/TD			-8.9% (-1061)		V
continue wo	agencies and our volunteers continue working effectively together to prevent avoidable		,	Public Opinion	<b>^</b>	<b>^</b>	Busin	iess Cri	me (YT	D)	+4.6% (+193)		^
deaths of PCC, 24 C	n our ro	ads."				51%	Commissioning: Crime Prevention 24/25			£599k		^	
Theme	RAG Q2	ହୁଁ ଚ Detail		Theme		RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail					
Crime and ASB			pero rate 11.6	st figures show an increase of 2.2 ent points in the positive outcome for victims over 12 months (13.8% vs %) with 1,188 additional positive		Road Safety				October saw <u>Commu</u> <u>week of action</u> . CSW over 100 locations ac warning letters issue	volunteers deployeross Dorset, with 3	ed in 87	
			The and Har	PCC <u>supported</u> <b>ASB Awareness Week</b> approved funding for Christchurch bour Watch to install <b>speed signage</b> to		Fraud & Cyber Cr	ber Crime scoped a project v most vulnerable o			scoped a project whi most vulnerable olde provided equipment	rce Fraud Protect Officer which would see some of the older residents in Dorset ent to automatically <b>block</b>		e
Burglary & Acquisitive Crime			Safe crim hom leaf esta			Business Retail Cr				The PCC held a <b>Retai</b> meeting bringing tog staff to address natio affect Dorset busines included communica training, increased as and comms needed of	ether senior retail on al retail on al retail chain issues. Key issues discution within retail stowareness to report	chain es th ussed ores,	at d



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## **Make Policing More Visible and Connected**



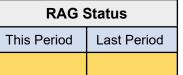


In the Spotlight	Measures of Success	Target	Current	Additional Key Indicators			Q3
"Much of the past three years has been focused on building	Number of full-time equivalent police officers	<b>1</b>		Victim Satisfaction (Whole Experience)	65.4%		٨
important change, and while long-term improvements are	equitarent ponce emecis	•	1,432	Victim Satisfaction (Actions Taken)	61.8%		٨
hard to achieve, I am determined that as a result of the foundations	Percentage of People who feel Dorset Police do	<b>^</b>		Victim Satisfaction (Kept Informed)	59.1%		٨
we have laid, the next stage of this two-term [Police and Crime]	a good job in their area	80%	66%	Average 101 answer time	18.1 mins		^
Plan will move Dorset further towards becoming the safest	Percentage of 999 calls answered within 10	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Complaints received by Dorset Police (Q3)	337		<
place in the country." PCC, 10 October 2024	seconds	90%	92%	Complaint Reviews received by OPCC (Q3)	20		V

Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail
Uplift and Visibility			The PCC and his SMT scrutinised the Force's arrangements and mitigations following the <u>Mutually Agreed Resignation Scheme</u> (MARS) to ensure that there remained a focus on visible and community policing. The scheme is solely aimed at members of police staff and, so, police officer numbers are unaffected.
Engagement and Connectivity			Two crucial consultations were launched during this quarter – the PCC's <u>Annual Survey</u> , which provides key information about how safe Dorset residents feel, and the <u>Precept Survey</u> , seeking views on the PCC's <u>precept</u> proposal for 25/26. The PCC and his office also undertook <u>communications</u> and stakeholder engagement in support of the refreshed <u>Police and Crime Plan</u> .  The Director of Operations attended the inaugural <u>Force Neighbourhood Engagement Board</u> which saw a commitment secured to refresh the <u>Neighbourhood Engagement Commitments</u> to ensure that they remain focussed on the expectations of the Dorset public.
Customer Service			A formal update was provided by the Force now that the <b>front counter pilots</b> have been concluded, following the peak summer months. Plans to build upon the <b>community contact points</b> and other mobile options are being progressed.



## **Fight Violent Crime and High Harm**





In the Spotlight	Measures of Success	Target	Current	Additional Key Indicators		<b>7</b> 0	Q3
"[Ref Op Scorpion] it is imperative that those who	Most Serious Violence (from 2019 baseline)	1	1	Domestic Abuse Crimes	-2.3% (-168)		٧
commit harmful behaviours like	(Hom 2013 baseline)		-4%	Domestic Abuse Incidents	-0.1% (-5)		٧
this are robustly tackled, sending a strong message to others that	Domestic Abuse Crime		•	Violence Against the Person	-3.9% (-609)		V
we will not tolerate criminal behaviour in Dorset. I want to thank officers for their dedication	and Incident Reports	个	<b>•</b>	Domestic Violence, Sexual Harm and Stalking Prevention Orders 24/25	149		٨
to tackling the harms that drugs present in our communities."  PCC, 10 October 2024	Effectiveness assessment by HMICFRS	ADQ.	ADQ.	Commissioning: Reducing Reoffending 24/25	£132k		

Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail	Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail
Domestic Abuse & Stalking			The OPCC and Force evaluated bids for the standard risk DA service. The contract was subsequently awarded to Victim Support for a term of five years. The PCC blogged in support of Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Day.	Child Abuse			Through <b>Op Encompass</b> , Police and Dorset Council collaborated to formalise enhanced information sharing processes surrounding early help, ensuring early years settings are promptly informed of safeguarding concerns.
RASSO			The PCC approved continuation of funding to Circles Southwest for behaviour changing courses for prison leavers and young people on bail for sexual offences, also providing training for professionals to identify and tackle harmful sexual behaviour.	Violence Reduction			Knife crime session delivered at the Magistrates AGM in partnership with Force Firearms and the 'Changes are Made' charity. The Force Safer Schools and Communities Team delivered the FAKE knife crime education input to 3,156 children.
Addiction and Substance Misuse			Results from <b>Op Scorpion</b> saw 21 arrests, more than £20,000 cash seized, two <b>high harm drug lines closed</b> , and six children safeguarded. A new programme of <b>drug education</b> has been created for schools in Dorset by the Talkabout Trust, thanks to <u>PCC funding</u> .	Violence Against Women and Girls			The Force approved a pilot of an App to be used on high-risk stalking perpetrators' phones. The app monitors user internet activity and reports back to policing. The PCC supported White Ribbon Day.



### Police and Crime Plan Monitoring Quarter 3 Report 2024/25 Fight Rural Crime

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In the Spotlight	Measures of Success	Target	Current	Additional Key Indicators		Q2	03
"Our multi-agency approach has yielded many positive outcomes this year, so I want to thank my	Total Rural Crime (compared to 2019 baseline – YTD)	<b>•</b>	-81%	Crimes 'Flagged' as Rural	-29% (-31)		V
office and Dorset Police officers for their continued dedication. Tackling crime is a collective effort and together, we will beat	Rural Resources	1	1	Engagement events in County LPA (Q3)	-52% (12)		V
the gangs causing misery and profiting from criminality in our county and beyond."  PCC, 25 October 2024	Public Opinion	1	61%				

Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail	Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail
Rural Resources			Dorset Rural Crime Team collaborated with Southwest forces to deliver joint operations, including <b>Op Honeybun</b> , which saw a focus on van breaks and tool thefts following a spate of crime. The Op saw 50 incidents in total recorded, three suspects arrested with one remanded - since then the series has ceased.	Country Watch			The number of <b>Rural Mounted Volunteers</b> continue to grow with the latest figures showing that 15 riders have now been recruited and trained, with more still in the recruitment process.  The PCC became a Board member of the
Heritage Crime			PCC attended a roundtable event for PCCs on Rural & Heritage Crime hosted jointly by the NRCN and Historic England. Suggested work is being explored with the Force.				National Rural Crime Network (NRCN). The NRCN are lobbying to extend laws relating to equipment theft, to cover forensic marking of all GPS systems on farm vehicles and power tools over the value of £300.
Fly-Tipping			The PCC <u>published a newsletter</u> to highlight the recent successes achieved <b>during National Rural Crime week</b> . The OPCC continue to work closely with organisations from the Dorset Partnership Against Rural Crime.	Wildlife Crime			The Rural Crime Team attended two incidents of raptor deaths – one suspected to be caused by hitting overhead cables, the other is being investigated by Natural England.



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In the Spotlight	Measures of Success	Target	Current	Additional Key Indicators		Q2	Q3
"[Through the Restorative Justice	Number of victims supported by OPCC	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	Victim Support – Cases Created (Q3)	2,915		V
service], I want victims to be given the chance to have closure	commissioned services	•		Victims' Bureau – Contact (Q3)	6,990		٨
and be able to move on with their lives, secure in the	Victim Satisfaction	<b>1</b>		Recorded Hate Crime (YTD)	+12.5% (+80)		٨
knowledge that offenders have understood the impact of their		•	65.4%	Recorded Hate Incidents (YTD)	+20.4% (+22)		٨
actions."	Legitimacy Assessment by HMICFRS	ADQ.	ADQ.	% people feeling safe in Dorset	91%		٨
PCC, 10 December 2024	<i>2</i> ,	ADQ.	ADQ.	Commissioning: Victim Services 24/25	£814k		

Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail	Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail
Criminal Justice Service and Restorative Justice			With the <b>Restorative Justice</b> contract drawing to a conclusion, the OPCC undertook a review of the service and has subsequently drafted an updated specification in preparation to go to market for a new contract in 2025.	Support for Young People			Fix the Future funding was approved by the PCC to Life Education Wessex to provide innovative and inspirational programmes to school children who are at risk. This programme will help share important messages with young people in Dorset.
Victims and Community			Following a detailed evaluation, the victim service contract for volume crime offences was awarded to Victim Support for a term of five years. This major contract will continue to ensure that victims can access timely and high quality services aiding coping and recovery.	Vulnerability			The OPCC promoted 'Hourglass' during Safer Aging Week in November. <u>Hourglass</u> is a nationwide charity dedicated to <b>protecting older people</b> from abuse and neglect.
			The OPCC Director of Operations now provides an update on the PCC-chaired <b>Use of Police Powers and Standards</b> scrutiny panel to the Force, for their review and action, as required.	Hate Crime			Work continued to build connections with community networks, including Community Action Network, with scope for a future hate crime survey.



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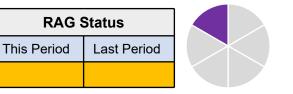


In the Spotlight	Measures of Success	Target	Current	Additional Key Indicators		Q2	Q3
"To say this funding settlement puts the Force in a difficult position is an understatement. It	Money secured from competitive national funds	1	£1.63m	Total Commissioning Spend by OPCC (2024/25)	£1.59m		^
demonstrates why I have been so vociferous in lobbying for the	Budget Forecast	SEE	SEE	Innovation Bids Submitted (since 01/04)	10		٨
vital change in the funding formula Dorset Police and the		FINANCE SLIDES	FINANCE SLIDES	Small Grant Bids Awarded 2024/25	11		٨
residents of this county are the victims of this outdated and	Efficiency assessment by HMICFRS	400	450	Absence Rates for Officers (Q2)	4.5		٨
unfair system." PCC, 19 December 2024	HIVIICENS	ADQ.	ADQ.	Absence Rates for Staff (Q2)	3.1		V

Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail	Theme	RAG Q2	RAG Q3	Detail
Evidence Based Policing			The third phase of <b>Right Care Right Person</b> went live in November 2024. This phase of the project is for those calls relating to Section 136 of the Mental Health Act and voluntary mental health patients. The focus is ensuring that patients are provided with <b>care from the right service</b> with police handovers at health-based places being carried out within an hour, removing the police from the situation as quickly as possible.	Philosophy and Co- Operation			Following the annual South West Police Collaboration planning day, regional PCCs highlighted how collaboration and sharing of intelligence is tackling complex cross-border issues and building safer communities.  As per the existing Strategic Alliance terms of reference, a review of charging agreements between Alliance business areas began, to ensure these remained fit for purpose.
Funding			The PCC spoke with Dorset's MPs and issued a public statement outlining the challenges that the outdated funding formula caused Dorset. Force and OPCC Executive also raised the issue that the anticipated use of the funding formula to cover mandated NI increases would result in further shortfalls for Dorset.	Efficiency			Following the completion of the HQ build, the OPCC Treasurer reviewed and updated the Capital Receipts Strategy, allowing the method of paying back its capital borrowing to better recognise the significantly longer life of this notable asset (other assets generally having a lifespan of up to 10 years).



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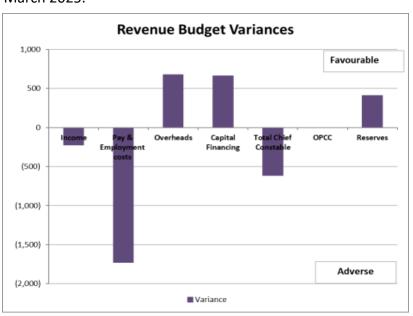


#### 2024/25 QUARTER 3 FINANCIAL REPORT- OVERVIEW

The overall revenue spend for the year is forecast to be £172.1m against a budget of £171.9m, an adverse variance of £0.208m or 0.12%. This is a significant improvement from the position at Q2 when an adverse variance of £2.3m was forecast.

The current forecast would reduce the General Fund Balance to £5.264m at the year end, equivalent to 3.06% of Net Revenue Expenditure which would be just above the minimum level of reserves of 3%.

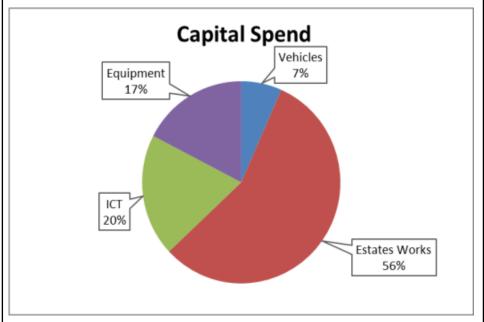
The graph below summarises the outturn revenue variances for the year to 31 March 2025.



#### **CAPITAL**

The Capital Programme is currently predicting expenditure of £10.584m against a revised budget of £12,091m for the year, after removing the slippage built into the 2025/26 budget. The variance of £1.507m is made up of further slippage of £0.137m and forecast underspends of £1.370m. This will reduce the borrowing required in 2024/25.

The graph below shows the final allocation of the capital spend for 2024/25.



Further information on both the revenue budget, capital programme and reserves can be found on the following pages.



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#### **REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING**

2024/25	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Actual to Date	Forecast Outturn	Variance fav / (adverse)	Ref
Chief Constable	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	
Income	(32,865)	(34,784)	(20,497)	(34,561)	(223)	R1
Pay & Employment costs	148,852	150,582	114,940	152,307	(1,725)	R2
Overheads	47,174	47,635	32,280	46,960	675	R3
Capital Financing	6,030	5,856	68	5,197	659	R4
Total Chief Constable	169,190	169,289	126,791	169,903	(614)	
ОРСС	3,267	3,267	1,401	3,267	0	
Total Net Revenue Expenditure	172,457	172,556	128,192	173,170	(614)	
Reserves	(582)	(681)	(99)	(1,087)	406	R5
Net Budget	171,875	171,875	128,093	172,083	(208)	R6

#### **Revenue Commentary**

- R1. The budget has been adjusted to reflect the pay award grant received. The remaining variance relates to mutual aid which has not been provided at the expected level.
- R2. The higher than budgeted pay award cost nearly £0.5m after allowing for the additional grant. Ill health retirements are also forecast to be higher than budgeted. Major operations have increased overtime costs. Of the £4.5m savings built into the budget, £0.9m have not yet been achieved but MARS savings have now been factored in.
- R3. Reduced costs of premises including some once off rate rebates. Savings in IT network costs, fuel and fleet repairs. Revenue costs of IT systems will be funded from reducing Revenue Contributions to Capital.
- R4. Reduced costs of contributions to capital in order to fund revenue costs of IT systems, previously budgeted within the capital programme and the implementation of the new IT Contract.
- R5. It has been agreed to use £0.406m from general reserves to fund Major Ops and the reduced mutual aid income.
- R6. The forecast variance of £0.208m is equivalent to 0.12% of the total net budget. If this position were to be the final outturn position this, alongside the approved use of reserves above, would reduce the General Reserves to 3.06%, above the minimum level of 3%.

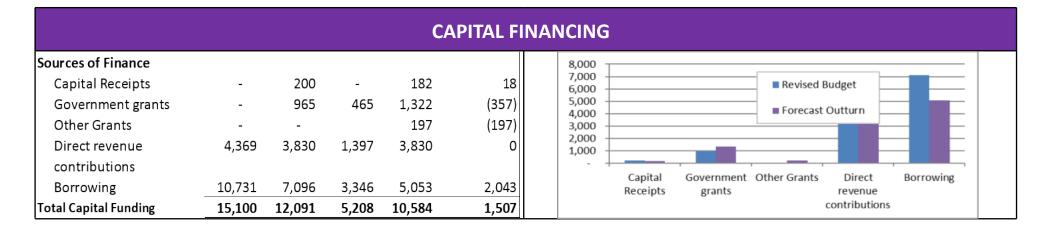


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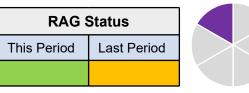
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CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING												
2024/25	Original Budget £000's	Revised Budget £000's		Forecast Outturn £000's	Variance Fav / (Adverse) £000's	Capital Programme Commentary  Slippage of £5.634m has been removed from the budget and built into the 2025/26 budget. The forecast variance is primarily underspends on this revised budget, with only £0.137m of further slippage.						
Capital Investment Vehicles	1,434	954	441	702	252	A reduction in the number of vehicles replaced is forecast to produce an underspend in the vehicle budget.						
Estates Works ICT	7,996 5,094	7,357 2,343	,	,	1,391 269	The underspends currently forecast within the Estates budget relate to the new HQ build, the Firing Range and Ferndown projects but these will only be						
Equipment	976	,	703	,	(5)	confirmed once the projects have been completed.						
Slippage	(400)	(400)	0	0	(400)	There is some additional slippage across the ICT project portfolio and underspends on the replacement of computers.						
Total Capital Programme	15,100	12,091	5,208	10,584	1,507	The slippage allowance will be offset against the underspends during the year.						





#### **Make Every Penny Count**



#### **USABLE RESERVES**

2024/25	Opening Balance at 1/4/24	Budgeted transfer to/(from) reserves	Commitments to transfer to/(from) reserves	Actual Transfer to/(from) reserves	Forecast Closing Balance at
Reserve	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Budget Management Fund	819	(299)	(200)	(99)	520
Police and Crime Plan Reserve	461	0	0	0	461
Violence Reduction Reserve	770	(135)	(135)	0	635
OPCC Legal Reserve	250	0	0	0	250
OPCC Reserve	416	0	0	0	416
Regional Collaboration Reserve	34	0	0	0	34
Forensic Capability Network Reserve	268	0	0	9	277
Workforce Change Reserve	643	(300)	(300)	0	343
Learning & Development	46	0	0	(9)	37
Reserve					
PEQF Reserve	47	(47)	(47)	0	0
Total Earmarked Reserves	3,754	(781)	(682)	(99)	2,973
General Fund Balance	5,778	100	(514)	0	5,264
Total Revenue Reserves	9,532	(681)	(1,196)	(99)	8,237
Capital Receipts Reserve	3,617	0	0	0	3,617
Total Usable Reserves	13,149	(681)	(1,196)	(99)	11,854

#### **Reserves Commentary**

- The Budget Management Reserve holds the unspent carry forward requests from previous years which will be transferred from the reserve as they are required. In addition, the planned use of reserves is still expected to be required during the year.
- At this stage only minor transfers have been made to or from other earmarked reserves.
- A new Strategic Change reserve is likely to be required by the year end if not all of the funds set aside for implementations are required in the current year. This will enable projects to be completed in 2025/26.
- The General Fund Balance is forecast to reduce to £5.264m at 31 March 2025, taking into account the latest forecast, equivalent to 3.06% of Net Revenue Expenditure. This would be above the minimum level of reserves, but below the maximum of 5%.
- No significant capital receipts are currently forecast to be received in the current year apart from the sale of a boat which is planned to part fund the purchase of a replacement vessel. It is anticipated that capital receipts will be used to fund the one off costs of the MARS but the decision will be made once figures are final.