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Date: 11/04/23

Name: Email:

Dear

#### Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your freedom of information request received on 10 March 2023. I note you seek access to the following information:

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- 1) For the 2022/3 year,
  - what is the equivalent budget that was set at the beginning of the year?
  - What is the outturn (i.e. the full-year actual forecasted expenditure)?
  - What level of accruals does the outturn include?
- 2) For the years 2021/2 and 2020/1,
  - What were the budgets set at the beginning of each year?
  - What were the reported actual costs?
  - What level of year end accruals did the actuals include?

Your request for information has now been considered and the response can be found below:

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Section 21 – Information which is reasonably accessible. The information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than by response through Section 1 the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is an absolute and class-based exemption and, as such, I am not required to complete either a public interest or harm test on the issue of disclosure. The information which you have requested can be found on the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's website using the following link; Budget Information (pcc.police.uk).

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#### Section 22 – Information Intended for Future Publication.

Section 22 is a qualified, class-based exemption and therefore requires us to conduct a public interest test.

## Section 22- Considerations favouring disclosure

There is public interest in disclosure of the requested information as it would improve transparency and accountability of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

# Section 22- Considerations favouring non-disclosure

The information may be subject to further revision before publication. It is therefore, in the public interest that the information is reviewed and accurate before being made available to the wider public.

Furthermore, the information requested is in the interest to the wider public and therefore it is important that it can be accessed simultaneously, rather than through a small number of FOI requests.

It is in the public interest that the information is accessible to the public by adhering to the publication schedule.

We have reached the view that, on balance the public interest is better serviced by withholding the information under section 22 of the FOIA at this time.

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Budget Information (pcc.police.uk), Agenda for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel on Wednesday, 27 January 2021, 1:00 pm and Agenda for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Panel (administered by Leicester City Council from 11 May 2020). on Wednesday, 5 February 2020, 10.00 am - Leicestershire County Council (leics.gov.uk)

What were the reported actual costs?

# The actuals for 2021/22

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Cost of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (pcc.police.uk)



# The actuals for 2020/21 are as below:

	2021/22	2020/21	
OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER BUDGET	Budget £000	Budget £000	Outturn £000
Expenditure:			
Staffing Related Costs	1,129	1,100	1,037
Estates	0	0	0
Transport and ICV Expenses	8	14	0
Supplies and Services and Surveys	59	51	53
Audit and Professional Fees	100	79	122
Communications and IT	5	5	3
Policy Advisor, Ethics and JARAP	35	32	60
Subscriptions, Misconduct Tribunal Appeal Costs, Communications/PR Contract	66	66	64
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,402	1,347	1,339
Income:			
Transfer to/from Reserve			8
Victims and Witnesses Grant towards Staffing Related Costs	-76	-76	-76
NET EXPENDITURE	1,326	1,271	1,271

• What level of year end accruals did the actuals include?

2021/22 - £52,042, 2020/21 - £27,592

The Police and Crime Commissioners Office provides you the right to ask for a reexamination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Data Protection Officer at the above address or emailed to OPCC@leics.police.uk. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Police and Crime Commissioner's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.



Yours sincerely,

## The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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