



**Philip Seccombe
Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire**

Decision Application WPC20058

Reserves Strategy 2018/19

Application Date:	September 2018	Name of Applicant:	Elizabeth Hall Treasurer
Application Decision Reference: WPC20058			
1. Summary of the application			
<p>This Decision notice seeks approval for the Reserves Strategy and the deployment of Reserves set out within it.</p>			
2. Background information:			
<p>The Reserves Strategy provides information on the estimated levels of reserves currently held and explains how some of these will be applied over the next three years to help support the revenue budget and capital programme, fund the Transformation Programme, ensure the PCC and Chief Constable meet statutory responsibilities, manage critical risks and contribute towards key strategic initiatives.</p>			
<p>In the written statement that accompanied the Provisional Police Grant report on 19th December 2017, the Minister stated “You may be aware that police reserves currently stand at around £1.6bn, which compares to £1.4bn in 2011. We will be changing guidance to PCCs to ensure that police officers and the public have access to more detailed information on how PCCs intend to use this public money”. The Home Office published detailed guidance on 31st January 2018. This report complies with the new Ministerial requirement.</p>			
<p>The reserves strategy was set out in the 2018/19 budget report and Medium Term Financial Plan. This has been updated to reflect the 2017/18 outturn position and decisions made by the PCC during 2018. The actual and forecast position on reserves is reported monthly to the PCC.</p>			
<p>The reserves strategy is attached and will be published on the Police and Crime Commissioner’s website.</p>			

3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application

YES

List of additional information/report

- a) Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner Reserves Strategy 2018/19 – 2021/22
- b)
- c)

4. Expected benefits (non-financial)

The Reserves Strategy provides information on the estimated levels of reserves currently held and explains how some of these will be applied over the next three years to help support the revenue budget and capital programme, fund the Transformation Programme, ensure the PCC and Chief Constable meet statutory responsibilities, manage critical risks and contribute towards key strategic initiatives. This will support the implementation of the Police and Crime Plan.

This Strategy will meet Ministerial requirements and comply with Home Office Guidance.

5. Impact of not approving the application

The Police and Crime Commissioner will not comply with Home Office Guidance.

6. Costs

Revenue: The Reserves Strategy sets out the deployment of reserves of £5.823m to support the revenue budget and fund strategic initiatives over the next three years (2018/19 - 2020/21).

Capital: The Reserves Strategy sets out the deployment of reserves of £5.753m to support the capital programme over the next three years (2018/19 -2020/21)

7. Savings:

8. Equality and Diversity Implications:

9. Treasurer's comments

The Police and Crime Commissioner of Warwickshire held reserves of £19.174m as at 1 April 2018. These included a General Reserve of £5.0m, Earmarked Reserves of £14.174m and Capital Reserves of £0.0m. The reserves strategy sets out the plans to deploy £12.376m of these reserves over the next three years.

10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments

This Reserves Strategy complies with the guidance "Police Finance Reserves Guidance" published by the Home Office on 31st January 2018.

Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner

As agreed.

PCC Signature:

Phil Jones

Date of Decision:

18th September 2018.