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OFFICE OF THE **POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER** NORTH WALES

How much we spent April 2022 to March 2023

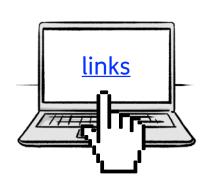


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Some words are <u>blue and underlined</u>. These are links which will go to another website which has more information.

Introduction



This information is from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in North Wales.



The Police and Crime Commissioner in North Wales is Andy Dunbobbin.



The Police and Crime Commissioner decides how much money is needed for North Wales Police.



This year, we had more money to spend than before, because the government wants there to be more police officers in North Wales.



This information explains how much the Police and Crime Commissioner has spent on police services this year.

What we spent money on



We spent money on:

 Staff costs - this is things like paying people's wages.



 Helping pay for our staff's future pensions.

Your **pension** is money you get paid after you retire.



 Non staff costs - this is things like uniforms, and running costs of cars and buildings.



 Capital funding - this is money for things that we will use for more than a year, like new buildings, cars or computers.



Working with local people and organisations.



• Working with other police services.

How much we spent



We spent less money than we were given to spend this year.



We planned to spend about £182 million.



We ended up spending £6.29 million less than this.



We have put the money into reserves.

Reserves are unused money that is put aside so it can be spent in the future.



The law says that the police and crime commissioner must have money in reserves.

Why we spent less



Staff costs

We are hiring more police officers and police staff for North Wales.



Some police staff were hired later in the year, so we started paying them later.

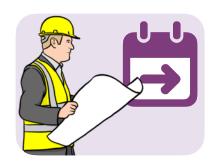


This means we spent less money than we have.



Non staff costs

We spent more than we expected on our buildings.



This is because:

 Some building work planned for last year happened this year.



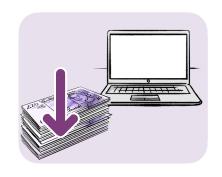
 Electricity and gas cost more than we thought.



We spent less than we expected on cars and other ways of getting around.



This is because a lot of office staff are working from home. We spent more on equipment and furniture to allow them to work from home.



We spent less than we expected on computers.



We had more money coming in than we expected.



Capital funding

The money we spend on large items like buildings, cars and computers is called capital funding.



Sometimes, we need to borrow money for capital funding, because it costs a lot.



We saved money on other things, so we had more money left over.



We didn't need to borrow as much because we had money left over.

It is cheaper to use our own money instead of borrowing it.



This means we won't need to spend as much in the future paying back loans.

Money we got from other places

As well as our money from the government and council tax, we got money from other places. These include:



 Money from other police services across the country for helping them.

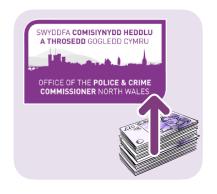


We got more money from other police services than usual this year.



 Money for special projects, like hiring more police officers, or making roads safer.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner



The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner spent more than expected.



This was because we hired extra people after we had decided how much we would spend.



But we saved money because some people worked from home - this meant spending less on getting to places.

What we will do next



We have put the money that we did not spend into reserves.



There are some things that we didn't spend money on this year, because we couldn't do them.



When we can do these things, we will pay for them using money from our reserves.



We may need to spend more than we expect in the future, because of things costing more than they used to.

If this happens, we will spend the money we have in reserves to help with the extra cost.

For more information



You can look at our website here: www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk

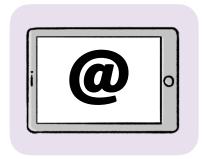


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