

THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR SOUTH WALES POLICE
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
(GROUP ACCOUNTS)

FOR THE
YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025



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South Wales
Police
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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The Summary Statement of Accounts 2024-25 sets out the main revenue and capital activity for the year for South Wales Police. The revenue expenditure excludes certain transactions relating to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) with a view to simplifying the presentation of the accounts. These transactions do not affect the transfer to the Police Fund.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

A net revenue budget for 2024-25 of £386.96m was approved in February 2024 to fund existing expenditure commitments and identified Force priorities.

RESERVES

The balance on the Police Fund at the end of the financial year was £11.4m which is below the target level of £15.6m (3% of Gross Revenue Expenditure). However, it was an increase of £0.5m from 2023-24 due to a planned underspend at year end. Funding of £71.2m is retained in earmarked reserves for specific revenue and capital purposes.

CAPITAL FINANCE & BORROWING

Capital Expenditure for the period was £40.96m and was financed through borrowing, revenue contributions, capital receipts and specific grants. This represents money spent by South Wales Police for the purpose of purchasing, upgrading and improving assets such as property, vehicles and ICT. The distinction from revenue expenditure is that South Wales Police receives the benefit from capital expenditure on assets over a more than a year.

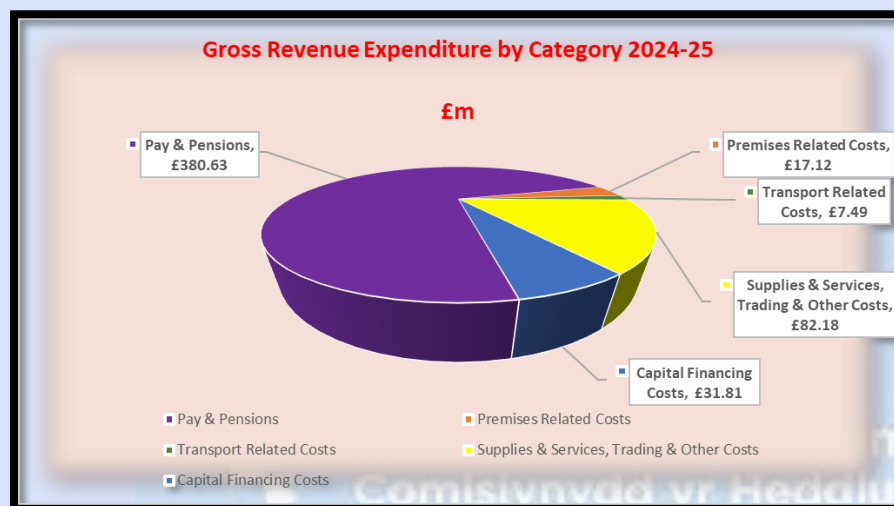
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

A joint Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for both the Commissioner and the Chief Constable is issued alongside the Statement of Accounts. This highlights the internal control environment, comments on its effectiveness and identifies issues for future work. Revised guidance for 'Delivering Good Governance' for Policing Bodies was published by CIPFA in July 2016 which has been supplemented by CIPFA guidance in February 2021 on the 'Application of the Good Governance Framework 2020-21', in response to the continuing impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on governance. The joint AGS has been produced following this guidance.



WHAT WAS THE MONEY SPENT ON IN 2024-25

REVENUE EXPENDITURE



The above shows that of the Gross expenditure of £519.2m almost 75% is on pay and associated costs for Police Officers and Staff (£380.63m). Examples of expenditure within the £82.18m for Supplies and Services and other costs include Communications and Computing (£14.7m), Payments to Other Forces (£29.0m), Other Third Party Payments (£8.7m) and Investigative and Operational Costs (£7.5m). There is also £31.8m on capital financing costs which includes the interest paid on borrowing, an amount set aside to cover the principal repayment and a revenue contribution to capital financing.

The cost of policing in South Wales and the funding for 2024-25 and the previous year are shown below (presented on the basis for monitoring purposes) :-

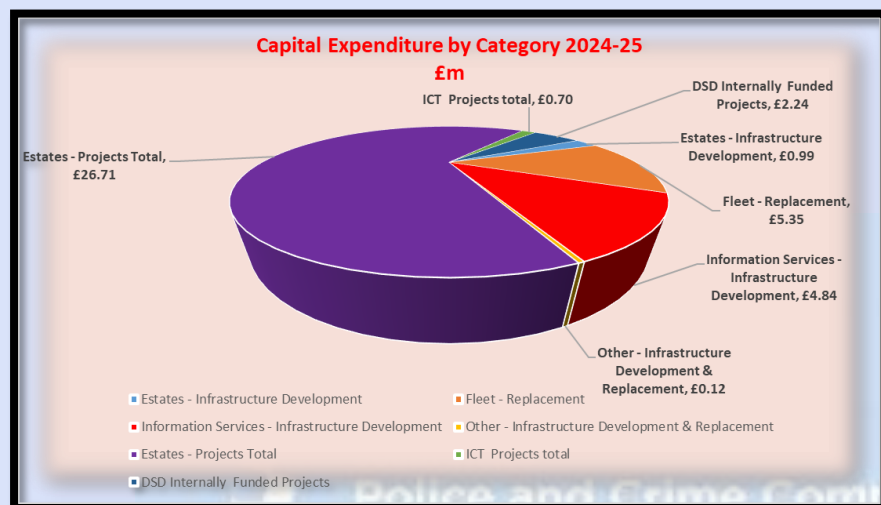
	2024-25 £m	2023-24 £m
Police Officer Pay & Pensions	208.6	189.5
Police Staff Pay & Pensions	79.3	76.3
Devolved Budgets	13.1	12.0
Force / Contingency Budgets	51.8	35.9
Centralised Budgets	19.6	18.5
Externally Funded Budgets	26.7	61.4
Collaborative Budgets	72.0	57.3
Central Budgets	29.2	14.1
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner	18.9	16.3
Gross Expenditure	519.2	481.1
Less Grants and Income	(132.2)	(122.4)
Net Expenditure	387.0	358.7

The table below shows how South Wales Police was funded in the year with comparison to the prior year.

	2024-25 £m	2023-24 £m
Council Tax Income	(180.4)	(163.8)
Non-Domestic Rate Income (Welsh Government)	(0.5)	(0.4)
Revenue Support Grant (Welsh Government)	(62.0)	(62.1)
Police Grant (Home Office)	(144.1)	(132.4)
Total Funding	(387.0)	(358.7)

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CAPITAL EXPENDITURE



The total capital expenditure of £41m was funded from the following sources:-

Sources of Funding	£m
Revenue Contributions	13.0
Other Grants and Contributions	14.2
Use of Capital Reserves	3.6
Capital Receipts	1.6
Borrowing	8.6
Total Funding	41.0

The capital expenditure includes progress on the development of the Tri-Force Firing Range, vehicle replacement programme and enhanced mobile capability and is on target to deliver the 'Right Person, Right Place at the Right Time ambition'.

BALANCE SHEET

The table below summarise the balance sheet of what South Wales Police 'owns' and what it 'owes' to others:-

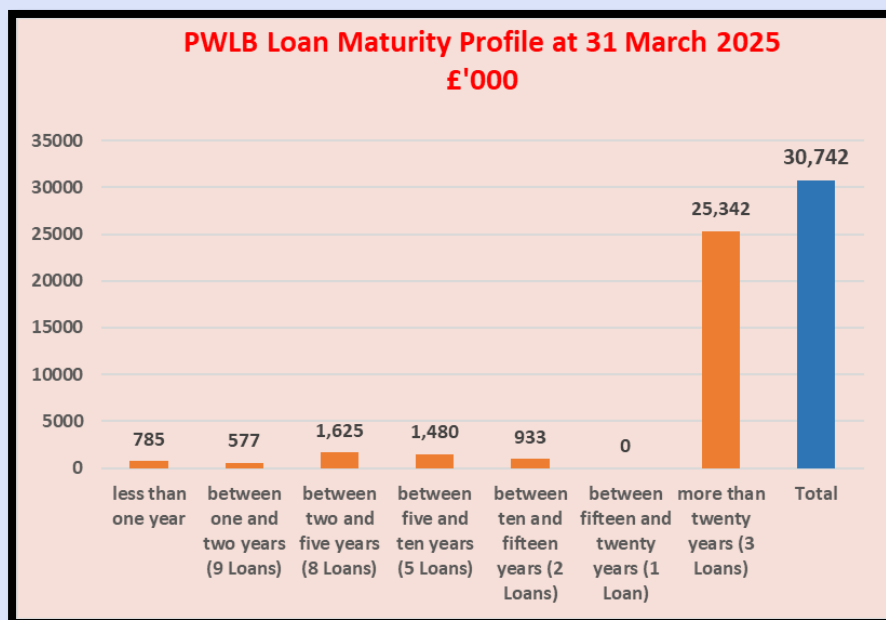
	2024-25 £m	2023-24 £m
Tangible Assets (Property, Vehicles, Comput	220.8	204.8
Intangible Assets (Computer Software)	3.7	1.8
Long Term Debtors	0.2	0.2
Stocks	3.4	2.7
Debtors (Money Owed to SWP)	42.9	69.7
Creditors (Money Owed by SWP)	(47.3)	(51.3)
Investments, Cash and Cash Equivalents	65.4	40.6
Provisions	(6.5)	(6.1)
Long Term Borrowing & Liabilities	(34.3)	(33.3)
Less Unusable Reserves	(165.7)	(153.2)
Total Assets less Liabilities	82.6	76.0
Financed by:		
Usable Reserves	(82.6)	(76.0)
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Unusable Reserves hold technical adjustments to the accounts including adjustments made to assets for depreciation and revaluations and are not cash backed reserves.

INVESTMENT & BORROWING

At the 31 March 2025, South Wales Police had £68.8m of short term investments, cash and cash equivalents held in either Call Accounts, Deposits or Money Market Funds.

At the same reporting date, there was £30.7m of outstanding Public Works Loans Board (PWLB) borrowing to be repaid as below (£0.8m being classified as short-term borrowing):-



The overall treasury position at the end of the financial year was therefore net investments of £38.1m.

ACHIEVEMENTS FORCE WIDE IN 2024-25

Final Outturn Position

The Revenue Outturn for 2024-25 against £386.96m net revenue budget was a £0.5m underspend. The Capital Programme Outturn for 2024-25 was a balanced against budget. The Draft Statement of Accounts was produced by 30 June and the Final Statement of Accounts was signed by the Auditor General on the 30 October where an unqualified Audit Opinion was received.

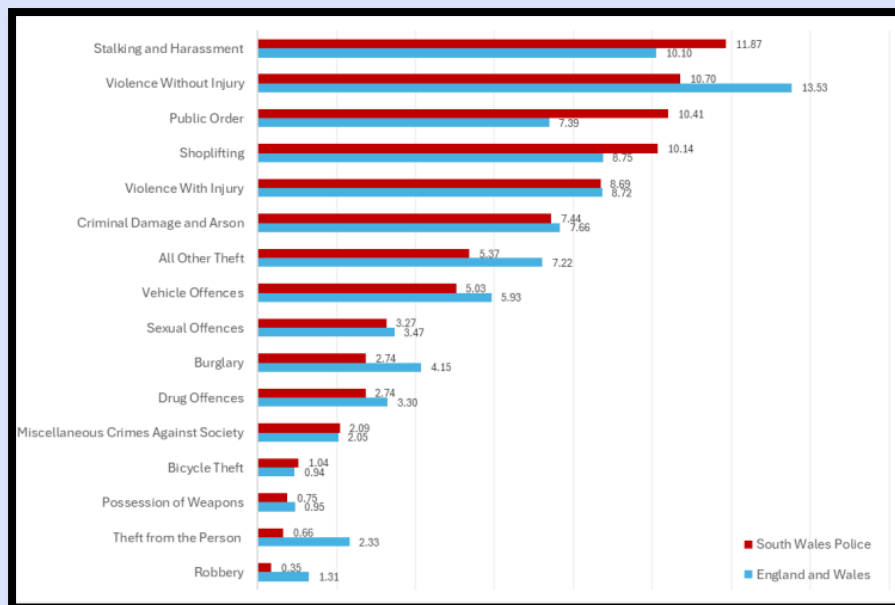
Making Every Contact Count

South Wales Police receive on average 20,000 999 emergency calls a month or 657 calls a day. Additionally, the force receives just over 822 101 non-emergency calls a day.

90% (2023-24: 84.8%) of 999 calls were answered within the national target of 10 seconds. Overall, the answer rate for 999 calls was 99.8% the same as the previous year and 92.1% of non-emergency calls were answered (2023-24: 88.5%).

Positive Outcome Rate by Offence Group & ONS Group

Crime is recorded against ONS (Office for National Statistics) crime types. The most reported crime to South Wales Police is “Stalking and Harassment” and represents 11.87 occurrences per 1,000 people (the average for England & Wales is 10.1). This along with “Shoplifting” and “Public Order” are higher than the national average, people are as likely or less likely overall to experience a crime in South Wales as in other parts of the country. South Wales is a safer place for Violence without injury, Theft and Vehicle offences. A table of reported crime is presented here:



LOOKING FORWARD

There is great uncertainty within policing at the moment with both the Landscape Review Whitepaper and the three-year Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) both due to be published by the time the audit of these financial statements is concluded. With some combined mayoral authorities existing in England, the pending devolvement of functions to these mayors will see them taking on PCC powers – PCCs becoming deputy mayors for example. The situation in Wales is different with a Devolved Welsh Government. Policing is a reserved matter with the Home Office and therefore PCCs will remain accountable to public for policing service. In the longer-term this differential in approach to police governance may have an impact on Welsh Forces particularly when accompanied by a change in the

funding formula. The three-year CSR whilst welcome from a medium-term financial planning perspective will no doubt be a challenging one and with the landscape review creating a National Centre of Policing with centralised functions may lead to further top slicing of the police funding envelope with less direct funding allocated to PCC's and Forces as a result. Timely drafting of accurate statements of accounts, subsequent audit and publication of audited statements of accounts will be an essential part of financial management arrangements in such uncertain times.

The full published Statement of Accounts and the Audit Wales Auditor General's opinion can be found on the following websites :-

- ❖ [Police and Crime Commissioner for South Wales Police Annual Statement of Accounts - South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner](#)

- ❖ [Chief Constable for South Wales Police](#)

[Annual Statement of Accounts | South Wales Police \(south-wales.police.uk\)](#)