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Appendix Attached:	No

PURPOSE

The purpose of this paper is to provide Members of the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) with an update on the implementation of the Financial Recovery Plan 2015/16.

This paper is in response to SPA Board Action 161215–SPABMC-007.

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The financial year 2015/16 has been a significant challenge with cost reductions of £57.5m required in order to balance the budget. Successful delivery of savings in the current year was always expected to be challenging and due to the non-delivery of such savings, Members were formally advised at the Meeting of 26 October 2015 that the Revenue budget was projected to overspend by £25.3m by the end of the financial year.
- 1.2 Following various consultations with Budget Holders and SPA Members, the SPA Board at its meeting on 16 December 2016 approved the implementation of a Financial Recovery Plan with immediate effect. The plan is aimed at reducing the current projected overspend and proactively work towards balancing the budget by 31 March 2016.

2 FURTHER DETAIL ON REPORT TOPIC

- 2.1 The Financial Recovery Plan contains specific actions including the review of all planned expenditure with a view to restricting this as far as possible for the remainder of the financial year but also having regard to operational demands and priorities in respect of risk of harm and keeping people safe.
- 2.2 The plan reviews the overall financial resources available to the Authority and includes actions that cover each area.

- 2.3 The reported position as detailed within the Financial Report for Monitoring Period 9 (31 December 2015) notes a reduction in the forecast overspend position and efforts continue to ensure robust management of budgets to ensure that the identified gap is reduced by the end of the financial year.
- 2.4 The latest available information indicates that with the robust management of budgets an overall year-end financial position of within 1% of available budget resources.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are financial implications associated with this report and are highlighted above.

4 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct personnel implications in respect of this paper.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications in respect of this paper.

6 REPUTATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are reputational implications associated with this paper. The forecast overspend position acknowledges that the SPA is unable to balance its Revenue Budget.

7 SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no social implications directly associated with this paper.

8 COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 8.1 There are no community impact implications directly associated with this paper.

9 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equalities implications associated with this paper.

10 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no environmental implications associated with this paper.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to:

Note the progress that has been made to date in respect of the approved Financial Recovery Plan 2015/16.