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Devon and Cornwall

PCC Budget position

Presentation to the Police and
Crime Panel

9th October 2015



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Savings History

- £52.5 m savings achieved since April 2009
- Police Officer numbers reduced from 3,500 to 3,050 by March 2015
- PCSO numbers maintained at 360



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Recent assumptions

- Savings requirement by 2018-19 was £29m
- Three main areas developed to meet this requirement
 - Internal reviews including estates and custody (£10.8m)
 - Strategic Alliance with Dorset (£8.4m)
 - Unidentified (£9.8m)
 - Workforce planning making a significant contribution to this requirement



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Revised assumptions

- Chancellors spending review statement, 21st July 2015
 - All unprotected departments to draw up plans for 25% and 40% budget reductions by 2019-20
 - Home Office is an unprotected department
 - Policing is 72% of the total Home Office budget



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What the OPCC is predicting?

- We are assuming that Government is not intending to implement the higher levels of cuts for policing
- Therefore working on a national grant reduction of 25%
- Some suggestions that secondary grants such as victims services may be withdrawn



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Funding formula

- Long history of disadvantage to Devon & Cornwall
- The current formula
 - Urban bias
 - No account of tourism



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Government's formula consultation

- Formula consultation launched 21st July 2015
- Simpler formula
 - Disadvantages in 4 of the 5 elements
- Significant campaign and research to oppose the proposals
 - Petition, press campaign, key influencers
 - Detailed submission from OPCC and Police
 - Key elements picked up by other PCCs and forces around the country



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Our formula assumptions

- Our validated calculations on the current proposal show a loss of £24m
- Only planning for a £15m loss based upon:
 - Metropolitan Police losing elements of grant that will provide greater funding to other forces
 - Some changes will be made to formula when Government announcing revised proposals in next few days



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Summary of assumptions

- 25% reduction in national police grant (additional £10 m)
- £15m loss in funding formula outcomes
- Savings requirement over next four years to 2019-20 will be £54m
- These are assumptions based upon our current expectations
- Outcomes could be worse but chosen as an effective basis for planning



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Council tax considerations

- Changes would alter policing dramatically
- PCC wishes to consult public on a larger increase to council tax that requires a referendum
- Consultation will be launched at the end of October



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Council tax consultation

- Broad description of the impact on policing
- Description of what services additional council tax might retain
- Commissioner will recommend increase but will not proceed unless clear that there is public support to protect policing and community safety
- Outcomes will be presented to panel as part of budget process