



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02450

Keyword: Finance

Subject: Finance and Governance

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does hold information to which your request relates and the decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

Under Freedom of information could you please provide me with the following information about your organisation:

Finance:

1. Total budget for each of the last five full financial years
2. For each of those years the budget allocation for the following:
 - a. Staff costs (including pay, allowances, bonuses, ERNIC etc)
 - b. Overtime
 - c. Training
 - d. Managed services
 - e. Estates (buildings, repairs, utilities, maintenance etc)
 - f. Fleet (vehicles, maintenance / servicing, fuel etc)
 - g. IT costs (phones, computers, video conferencing, software development / licensing, infrastructure e.g. cabling etc)
 - h. Legal representation / legal costs
 - i. Significant one-off budgets e.g. Voluntary Exit, H&S pay-outs etc (please list the areas and budget allocation)
 - j. Any income budgets (where you are receiving additional monies i.e. not from government grant) – please list the income type and amount.

Answer

Please see the attached Spreadsheet attached separately to this correspondence.

Please note: Overtime budget includes Police Officer and Staff overtime. The budgetary figures include all funding streams. Legal fees and representation budgets only available for 2016/17 and 2017/18 financial years.

For your information, PSNI publish Annual Statement of Accounts on the PSNI website, these can be accessed via the link provided below:

https://www.psni.police.uk/advice_information/our-publications/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it/

Governance:

Please outline your organizational governance structures. This should include:

1. A list of each governance committee/board (if there are different levels of committee/board please indicate which level each represents e.g. corporate, divisional, local).
2. An indication of the core high level responsibilities each committee/board covers e.g. finance, human resources, risk & assurance, operations etc
3. A list of the committee members (i.e. decision makers) and please indicate who chairs the committee/board

Answer

PSNI's Corporate Governance Committee Structure comprises of three main Governance Committees, the Service Executive Board (SEB), Service First Board (SFB) and the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC). **Please note:** PSNI's governance structure is currently under review and a change is expected within the next few months.

Of the 3 distinct Governance Committees (SEB/SFB/ARAC) the SEB sets the tone and direction of the organisation. It is chaired by the Chief Constable and is the final decision making forum for the organisation. The SFB supports SEB by making strategic decisions on resourcing the organisational priorities, in line with the tone and direction set by the Chief Constable. The ARAC provides the external scrutiny, challenge and assurance that the organisation is exercising due diligence over its stewardship of public funds.

Further to the above the Performance and Assurance Service Executive Team (PASET) ensures ongoing confidence in the organisation's grip and delivery around its key performance priorities.

Membership

SEB

- a. Chair: Chief Constable

(The Deputy Chief Constable or nominated Chief Officer to deputise when the Chief Constable is unavailable).

- b. Committee Members:
Deputy Chief Constable;
Assistant Chief Constable Crime Operations;
Assistant Chief Constable District Policing;
Assistant Chief Constable Operational Support;
Assistant Chief Constable Legacy and Justice;
Director of Finance & Support Services and Human Resources;
Head of Legal Services;
Head of Corporate Communications;
Head of Human Resources;
Chair of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

- c. Committee Advisers/Attendees:
C/Supt Corporate Support Branch;
Head of Corporate Governance;
Head of Command Secretariat/Committee Manager;
Head of Financial Services.

SFB

- a. Chair: Deputy Chief Constable. (The Chief Constable may also choose to attend)

(A nominated Chief Officer to deputise when the Deputy Chief Constable is unavailable).

- b. Committee Members:

Assistant Chief Constable Crime Operations;
Assistant Chief Constable District Policing;
Assistant Chief Constable Operational Support;
Assistant Chief Constable Legacy and Justice;
Director of Finance & Support Services and Human Resources;
Head of Corporate Communications;
Head of Human Resources;
Employment Lawyer.

- c. Committee Advisers/Attendees:

C/Supt Corporate Support Branch;
Head of Corporate Governance;
Head of Financial Services;
Head of Process Improvement Unit;
Committee Manager.

ARAC

- a. Chair: Non Executive Member

- b. Committee Members:

Non Executive Member
Non Executive Member
Non Executive Member

PASET

- a. Chair: Deputy Chief Constable.

- b. Committee Members:

Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Crime Operations;
ACC District Policing;
ACC Operational Support;
ACC Legacy & Justice;
Director of Finance & Support Services and Human Resources;
Head of Corporate Support Branch;
Head of Corporate Governance;
Head of Financial Services;
Head of Human Resources;
Head of Corporate Communications.

- c. Committee Advisers/Attendees:

The chair may invite any individual whose attendance at a specific meeting would be considered beneficial.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing foi@psni.pnn.police.uk.

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ www.psni.police.uk

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.