

Financial Investigation Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS)

Income Report 2023-24

Appendix 3

Financial Investigation ARIS Income			
Date Received and related Quarter/Year	Source of Prosecution	£ ARIS Amounts (pre and post top slice)	Current Ring-fenced Funds (Actual) £
2022/2023			339,963.60
6/10/2023 (Q1 – 2023/24)	Trading Standards	637.50 (596.06 after 6.5% top slice)	340,559.66
6/10/2023 (Q1 – 2023/24)	Trading Standards	1162.50 (1086.94 after 6.5% top slice)	341,646.60
5/1/2024 (Q2 – 2023/24)	Trading Standards	375 (350.63 after 6.5% top slice)	341,997.23
5/1/2024 (Q2 – 2023/24)	Trading Standards	7,500 (7012.50 after 6.5% top slice)	349,009.73
7/11/2023 (Q3 – 2023/24)	Trading Standards	£8,650.93 (7915.60 after 8.5% top slice)	356,925.33
8/11/2023 (Q3 – 2023/24)	Trading Standards	£3,750 (3431.25 after 8.5% top slice)	360,356.58
Agreed – July 2023	Funding Planning Enforcement Officer	Less £52,910 drawdown	307,446.58

During the financial year 2023/24, a further £20,392.98 in income was realised from the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS). This was the result of a trading standard's prosecution, involving 3 defendants, against which confiscation orders were obtained using the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA).

In July 2023, a business case was agreed to recruit an additional resource to Planning Enforcement on a temporary basis in order to address a backlog of planning breaches within the borough, likely to be suitable for prosecution. An amount of £52,910 was subsequently drawn down at year end 2023/24 to fund this.

There are now total funds of £307,446.58 available to spend on crime prevention/reduction/detection activities. Any proposed projects must be likely to result in the identification of cases suitable for prosecution, to ensure the ongoing existence of the council's Financial Investigation capacity and thus continued income generation.

NB: In 2014/15, the Government introduced a top-slice of funding which was reserved for projects that contributed towards improving the national asset recovery performance picture. The top slice would be applied before any amounts are allocated to the Home Office or operational partners like SBC. The amount is pre-determined by the Government.