

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Response by Devon and Cornwall Police Authority

Date	Topic	Request
22/05/08	Authority Enquiry	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. How are members appointed and financed?2. How many staff do you have and who is the final employer?

The Police Authority is funded from the same funds as the Constabulary. Police authorities have a statutory responsibility for police budgets. The money that is provided by central government for policing services is paid to police authorities. Police authorities can also raise additional money through council tax (the police precept)- to help to pay for their local police service. However, the amounts that can be raised in this way are limited. While police authorities retain financial control at a strategic level the day to day management of the budget for police services is delegated to the Chief Constable.

The Police Authority currently has 11 full time equivalent members of paid staff. Police Authority Members receive an allowance, not a salary. Police Authority staff and members are paid from the funds identified in the previous paragraph and the Police Authority is the employer.

Police Authority Members are not entitled to a pension from the Police Authority. Police Authority Staff can contribute to the Local Government Pension Scheme.