

## DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY

### RESOURCES COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Resources Committee was held on 5 December 2005.

***Further information on the items referred to below is contained in the agenda for this meeting, which has been circulated to all members.***

*The following recommendation arose from the meeting:*

#### **[R/488] Financial Monitoring 2005-06**

Members considered the analysis of the forecast revenue and capital outturn position for the current financial year based upon actual spending to the end of October and anticipated spending for the remainder of the year. The report considered is attached to support the recommendation below.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- i To welcome the progress made on managing the budget;
- ii That the budget virement in paragraph 4 of the report be approved;
- iii That the revenue contribution to capital expenditure, as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report, be approved;
- iv That the contribution to earmarked reserves, as detailed in paragraph 9 of the report be approved;
- v That the changes to earmarked reserves, as detailed in paragraph 12 of the report, be approved;
- vi That the outturn forecast for capital expenditure be approved as the latest approved programme for 2005-06.

*Matters discussed (with minute reference shown in brackets) include: -*

#### **[R/485] Bichard Recommendations**

D/Supt Matthews updated Members on the progress made by the Constabulary on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Bichard report.

#### **[R/489] Capital Programme Forecast 2005-06 / 2007-08**

Members were updated on the schemes within the capital programme. The programme included only those schemes that had already received Police Authority approval. Schemes in the pipeline but not yet approved by the Police Authority were not included.

Issues raised during discussion of this item included:

- Consideration had already been given to the Constabulary's capital requirements in the light of 'Closing the Gap', for example the proposals for Covert Operations and the Training College had been developed in line with the needs of a Strategic Force.

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- The capital programme was now more accurately costed, and in future the need for additional resources for approved schemes should be more considered.

**[R/490] ICT Performance to October 2005**

Members were updated on ICT performance and notable initiatives in the delivery of ICT services to the Constabulary.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- There was concern about a proposal by MM02 to reduce the number of Tetra masts nationally as a cost saving exercise. Risks to levels of radio coverage would be monitored closely by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary, and other Forces throughout the country.
- Neighbourhood Beat Managers were able to give their Airwave handset telephone number to members of the public. The PR Department was preparing a press release to promote this.
- The ICT infrastructure was a key feature in Force amalgamations and a level of shared service / collaboration would be necessary regardless of the outcome for Devon and Cornwall.
- The significant cost implications for ICT services in light of 'Closing the Gap'. The need for the Committee to be suitably briefed on the possible financial implications as soon as possible.
- Call handling performance.

Other matters discussed included [R/491] Quarterly Treasury Management Report, [R/492] Vehicle Replacement Programme Budget for 2006-07, [R/493] Local Government Finance Settlement 2006-07, [R/494] Business Benefits by Initiative, [R/496] Update on the implementation of the Force Information Management System.

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