

## Capital Expenditure

The Authority's assets support operational policing across the largest geographical police area in England, covering a resident population of about 1.6 million rising to around 8 million in the summer. Assets include 58 police stations and 40 other operational buildings, a fleet of 1,235 patrol and specialist vehicles, a helicopter, and a wide range of information technology systems.

Capital spending for the year was:

	£000
Communications & Computers	3,733
Vehicles & Transport	1,919
Helicopter Replacement	1,301
Training College Phase 2 refurbishment	1,697
Crime Accommodation	991
South Molton Replacement Station	750
Bodmin Replacement Station	434
Other Building Schemes	947
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>11,772</b>

## Extract from the balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

Value as at 31 March 2008:	£000
Total land and buildings	132,118
Vehicles, plant & equipment	12,996
Total long-term assets	145,114
Stock	966
Short term debts (owed to D & C)	11,112
Short term investments	39,074
Long Term Investments	7,500
Staff Car & Cycle Loans	253
Total asset value	204,019
Creditors (owed by D & C)	20,878
Long term borrowing	19,778
Provisions	1,675
Bank	1,614
Less liabilities	43,945
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>	<b>160,074</b>

*This extract shows long and short term assets, short term liabilities and borrowing. It excludes pension liabilities.*

## Devon and Cornwall Police Authority

# Summary Statement of Accounts 2007-08

## Introduction from John Glasby (Authority Treasurer)

This document provides a summary of Devon & Cornwall Police Authority's Financial Accounts for 2007/08.

The Police Authority set a revenue budget for 2007-08 of £256.804m. Most of this came from central government funds. The 2007-08 council tax charge for a standard Band D property was £131.73, the lowest in the South West region and well below the national average.

Spending for the year after prudent carry-forwards was £256.757m, £0.047m under budget.

The main focus for the 2007/08 budget was to support front line performance by resourcing and sustaining 3,500 police officers and 356 police community support officers, the greatest number of uniformed officers in the Force's history. To achieve this objective, significant savings were required.

### Performance

Overall performance has improved in a number of areas:

- A step change in victim satisfaction has been achieved with a 5.9% increase in victims of crime who are satisfied with the overall level of service
- Instances of domestic burglary and vehicle crime within the Constabulary have fallen by around 30% in the last five years
- Between April 2007 and March 2008, crime has fallen by 10.2% throughout Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly - the largest drop in crime for this area for five years.
- The Constabulary has worked hard to embed a dedicated, visible, responsive and accountable neighbourhood policing team in every one of our 210 neighbourhoods over the last year, aided by the introduction of additional police community support officers.

## Introduction (continued)

- This year we have exceeded our targets set against answering emergency and non-urgent calls.

The Authority and the Force are looking to achieve further increases in performance in 2008/09 and future years. The Chief Constable's vision, endorsed by the Police Authority, is to make Devon & Cornwall a top performing force.

### Efficiency

Devon & Cornwall Police has a good record of achieving efficiency savings. Savings of £10.581m were delivered in 2007/08. £5.100m were budgeted cashable savings and the remainder arose from improving performance without the need to increase spending. Service improvements have therefore been maintained despite a limit on the resources available.

During 2007/08, the Audit Commission evaluated the Police Authority's use of resources across five themes and the Authority was judged to be performing well.

### Sustainability

As well as measuring its operational and financial performance, the Force monitors the social and environmental impact of its activities. The environmental footprint of the Force is set out within the Police Authority's Annual Report. A number of measures have been taken during the year to reduce energy consumption, implement green travel initiatives and reduce waste. In addition, local purchasing has been promoted to both support the local economy and further the green agenda.

## Looking ahead

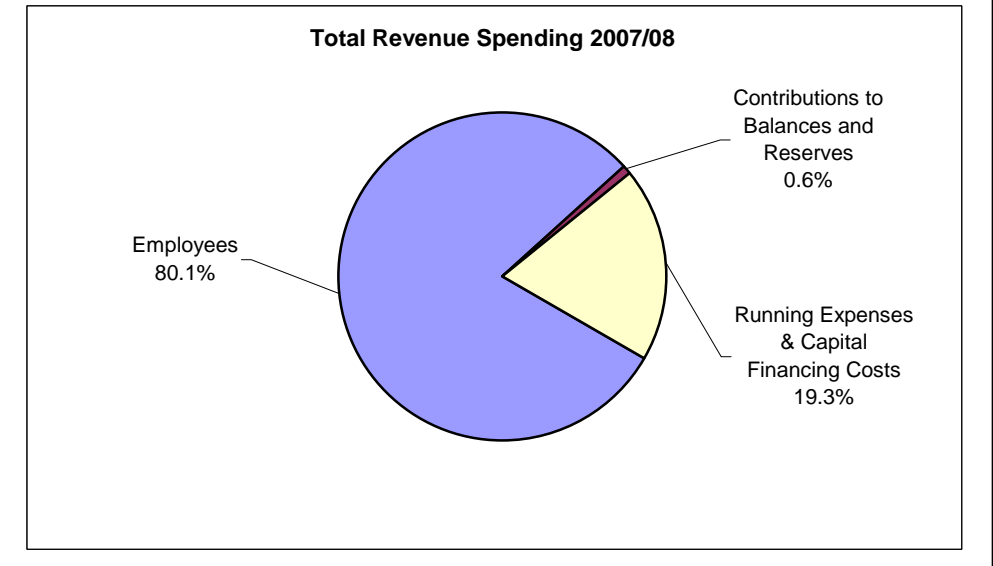
The Authority plans to spend £268.1m in 2008/9 on revenue expenditure. This represents a 4.39% increase over the 2007/8 budget.

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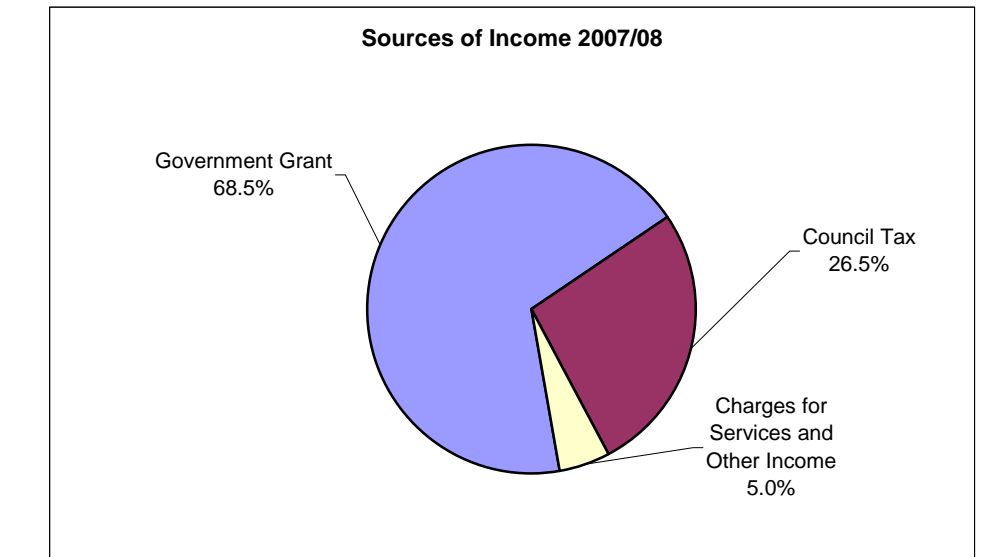
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## What was the money used for?



## Where did the money come from?



Most funding comes from the Government based on a set of complex formulae to assess the need of each area. Charges to council-taxpayers (precepts) are set by the Police Authority. The Police element of Council Tax amounts to only 10% of a household's total bill.