

Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Resources Committee

26 April 2007

Open for the purposes of FOI

Report of the Director of Finance and Resources

Financial Monitoring

Recommendation:

<p>1. That the latest financial projections for be noted.</p>

1. The latest monitoring information suggests a modest underspend for 2006-7. This forecast year-end position is in line with previous forecasts as reported throughout the year.
2. The forecast is based upon the assumption that the additional costs incurred on policing the Napoli incident will be met in full by the Authority. The Constabulary is however pursuing reimbursement from various sources but this is unlikely to be successful.
3. Capital spending is anticipated to be in the region of £10.0m. This represents a reduction of £1.325m on the amount shown in the Medium Term Financial Strategy.
4. Work has commenced to close down the accounts for 2006-7 and the draft outturn will be presented to the next Police Authority Resources Committee for member consideration.
5. Active management has been required during the year to ensure that spending has remained within budget. Some of the costs pressures experienced in 2006-7 will remain in place for 2007-8 and new issues have already been identified that could adversely affect the budget. For 2007-8 the significant issues so far are:
 - The police staff handbook
 - Plymouth call centre management arrangements
 - Nurse cover within custody suites (consistent corporate provision)
 - Building projects (increasing costs)
 - Health and Safety (compliance within our estate)
 - Body armour (accelerated replacement to improve health and safety)
 - Disability and Equality requirements (compliance based on risk profile)

It is not yet possible to quantify the cost implications of these issues, as the operational business requirements have not yet been fully considered.

Contact for information:

Colin Papworth

colin.papworth@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk

01392 452665
