

## Extract from the balance sheet at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007:

The Authority's assets support operational policing across the largest geographical police area in England, covering a resident population of about 1.6 million up to around 8 million in the summer. With over 58 Police Stations and 40 other operational buildings, a fleet of 1,150 patrol and specialist vehicles, a helicopter, and a wide range of information technology systems.

Capital spending for the year was:

	£000
Communications & Computers	1,494
Vehicles & Transport	4,195
Totnes Police Station refurbishment	683
Training College Phase 2 refurbishment	645
Crime Accommodation	835
Barnstaple Child Support Unit	763
Bodmin Replacement Station	145
Other Building Schemes	1,622
	<b>10,382</b>

Extract from the Balance Sheet

Value as at 31 March 2007:	£000
Total land and buildings	133,251
Vehicles, plant & equipment	9,388
<b>Total long-term assets</b>	<b>142,639</b>
Stock	1,182
Short term debts owed to D & C	7,627
Short term investments	45,876
Staff Car & Cycle Loans	291
<b>Total asset value</b>	<b>197,615</b>
Creditors (owed by D & C)	19,930
Long term borrowing	15,028
Provisions	4,899
Bank	654
<b>Less total liabilities</b>	<b>40,511</b>
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>	<b>157,104</b>

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

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# Summary Statement of Accounts 2006-07

## Introduction from John Glasby (Authority Treasurer)

This document provides a summary of Devon & Cornwall Police Authority's Financial Accounts for 2006/07.

The full Statement of Accounts sets out the overall financial position of the Police Authority for the year ending 31 March 2007. It includes notes and information on some of the more technical items and a glossary of financial terms. The Statement is prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting and is not always straightforward since it has to meet complex technical, legal and professional standards. To assist the reader, we have produced this short summary that concentrates on key financial figures for the year.

The Police Authority set a revenue budget for 2006-07 of £246.3m. Most of this came from central government funds. The 2006-07 council tax charge for a standard Band D property was £125.53, the lowest in the South West region, well below the national average and seventh lowest out of the "family" of eight "Most Similar Forces" nationally.

Spending for the year after prudent carry-forwards was £246.274m, £39,000 under budget. In addition to delivering actual spending very close to budget it has also been possible to:

- deliver on the Authority's promise to resource 3,500 police officers, the highest number of officers in our history;
- recruit an extra 180 Police Community Support Officers
- implement Airwave, the Forces new communication system

## Introduction (continued)

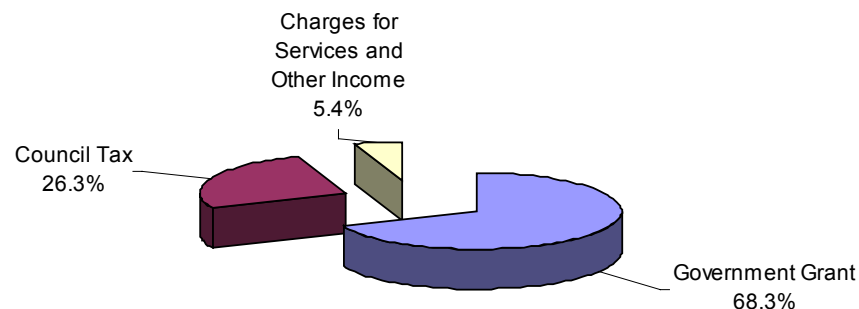
The 2006/07 financial year has been very challenging. The Authority had a number of significant organisational matters to deal with including:

- public pressure for enhanced policing
- ever tighter resource constraints
- the potential impact of national restructuring of Police Forces as put forward by the Home Office (now cancelled by the Home Office)
- the changes required to ensure that the Authority and the Force are fit for purpose of 21<sup>st</sup> century policing especially development on major crime and terrorism
- the independent report on job evaluation
- the retirement of one Chief Constable, the tenure of an interim Chief and the appointment and arrival of a new Chief Constable.

In spite of these challenges the results for 2006/07 continue the record of continuous good financial management built up over a number of years and show that the Force and Authority have the capability to deal with a rapidly changing environment and maintain good financial control.

## Where did the money come from?

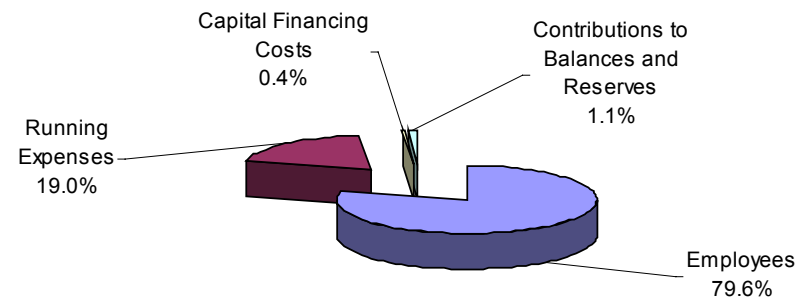
Sources of Income 2006/2007



Most funding comes from the Government based on a set of complex formulae to assess the needs of each area. Charges to council-taxpayers (precepts) are set by each Police Authority. The detached segment above shows the share paid by householders in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

## What was the money used for?

Total Revenue Spending 2006/2007



### Performance:

Crime is stable in Devon & Cornwall, increasing by 0.5% between April 2006 and March 2007. Domestic burglary and vehicle crime continues to fall, with the Force having the 9<sup>th</sup> lowest crime per 1,000 population nationally. Devon & Cornwall remains one of the safest places to live, work and visit.

## Looking ahead

The authority plans to spend £256.8m in 2007/8 on revenue expenditure. This represents a 4.3% increase over the 2006/7 budget.

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