

## **Devon and Cornwall Police Authority Minutes**

A meeting of the **Resources Committee** was held on the 18 June 2008 in the Conference Room, Police Authority, Endeavour House starting at 10:00 hrs.

### **Present**

Chairman .....Mr B Greenslade  
Mr M Bull, and Mr B Preston

### **Officers in Attendance**

#### **Police Authority**

Mr J Glasby (Treasurer), Miss J Norris (Assistant Chief Executive)

#### **Force**

ACC S Taylor, Mr C Papworth (Director of Resources & Administration), Mrs A Daveney (Head of Technical Accounting).

### **R/715 Election of Chairman**

**RESOLVED** that Mr Brian Greenslade be appointed as Chairman.

### **R/716 Election of Vice-Chairman**

**RESOLVED** that Mr John Smith be appointed as Vice-Chairman.

### **R/717 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Malcolm, Mr Money , Mr Nevitt and Mr Smith

### **R/718 Declarations of Interests**

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any item on the agenda.

### **R/719 Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

### **R/720 Resources Committee Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings held on 24 April 2008 be confirmed as a correct record.

### **R/721 Mobile Data**

The purpose of this report was to appraise the Committee of the results of the bid for funding from NPIA for a mobile data initiative.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- The initial bid was not successful
- A second tranche of funding is believed to be imminent
- when the information on the new funding initiative is received a report to the Chief Officer Group will consider the way forward
- the possibility of mobile data projects being joint working between the Force and local authorities
- the possibility of using the airwave technology being used in conjunction with mobile data

- the use of mobile data complements the Force's aims of improving efficiency and increasing visibility

**RESOLVED**

- (i) to note the report ;
- (ii) that authority is delegated to the Treasurer, following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Authority and the Chairman of the Resources Committee, to approve a bid for funding for mobile data should it need to be submitted before the next meeting of the Committee.

**R/722 Provisional Revenue and Capital Outturn 2007-08**

The report asked for approval of the revenue and capital outturn for 2007-08, including the suggested treatment of balances and reserves and carry forwards. Changes to the capital programme were included.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- slippage on the capital budget
- the Force is moving into a more mature financial process which embraces the principles of rolling budgets
- more efficient use of resources can lead to both monetary savings and improved performance
- savings with regard to transport
- there has been a significant increase in the weighted cost of fuel
- vehicle fleet changes
- the financial implications of the bombing incident in Exeter
- the target efficiency savings for 07/08 of £7.7m have been exceeded and the total efficiency savings for 07/08 are recorded as £10.6m
- use of reserves
- the provisional outturn for 2007/08

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Committee records its appreciation of the work done regarding the management of transport costs;
- (ii) that the Committee records its appreciation of the excellent outturn;
- (iii) that the revenue and capital outturn for 2007-08, including the suggested treatment of balances and reserves, be approved;
- (iv) that carry-forward requirements be determined by the Force in the light of the total demands arising from the Force Development Programme;
- (v) the capital programme, attached to the minutes as Appendix 1 be approved;
- (vi) that the Chief Constable be empowered to draw down resources as necessary from the Major Operations Reserve.

## R/723 Debt Repayment: Annual Minimum Revenue Provision Statement

This paper proposed the minimum revenue requirement policy for 2007-08 and 2008-09.

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE POLICE AUTHORITY that the policies on the Minimum Revenue provision as detailed below be adopted for 2007-08 and 2008-09.**

### Policy for 2007-08

Minimum Revenue provision is set aside according to the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) method (as now)

### Policy for 2008-09

For capital expenditure incurred before 31 April 2008 Minimum Revenue Provision is to be set aside according to the CFR method. For capital expenditure incurred on or after 1 April 2008 that Minimum Revenue Provision is set aside according to the asset life method by making equal instalments over the estimated life of the asset.

## R/724 Budget Working Party

**RESOLVED** that the Budget working party meetings be held as follows:

15 October at 2pm

18 December at 10am

16 January at 2pm

## R/725 Exclusion of Press and Public

**RESOLVED** that the Agenda items detailed in the table below be considered as closed items

Agenda item No	Minute No	Report Title	Relevant Act	Relevant section
11	R/726	Estate Strategy and Programme Update	Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to information) Act 1985	Schedule 12A, paragraph 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
12	R/727	Procurement Update	Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (access to information) Act 1985	Schedule 12A, paragraph 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

### **R/726 Estate Strategy and Programme update**

This report presented an amended estates strategy for approval, and updated Members on progress against the estate programme and the development of the estate.

Issues discussed during consideration of the item included:

- Requirements for policing accommodation on the Isles of Scilly
- The impact on accommodation of the 200 Police Officers being moved to the frontline
- The Ashburton project
- The impact upon the capital budget when project timescales change
- The future accommodation requirements of the Safety Camera partnership
- The possibility of joint working with One Cornwall to provide one stop shops / shop fronts
- Call centre accommodation
- The importance of recognising the needs of support functions which assist with the improvement of operational policing

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Estates Strategy as attached to these minutes as Appendix 2 be approved;
- (ii) that the Estate programme report be noted;
- (iii) that the unconditional offer of £2m from a commercial operator for the current Bodmin police station site be accepted and that disposal of the site is progressed;
- (iv) that the acquisition of office accommodation at Millfields on a 5 year lease be approved on the basis of the costs shown in the report;
- (v) that the principle of co-location with Ottery St Mary Town Council in their new offices is supported.

### **R/727 Procurement Update**

The purpose of this report was to update the Committee as to current progress on procurement activity within the Force.

Issues discussed during consideration of this item included:

- the capacity and capability of the procurement section
- project management capability within the Force

**RESOLVED** to note the report

The meeting closed at 11:45