

Cumbria Police Authority

Summary Statement of Accounts 2008-09

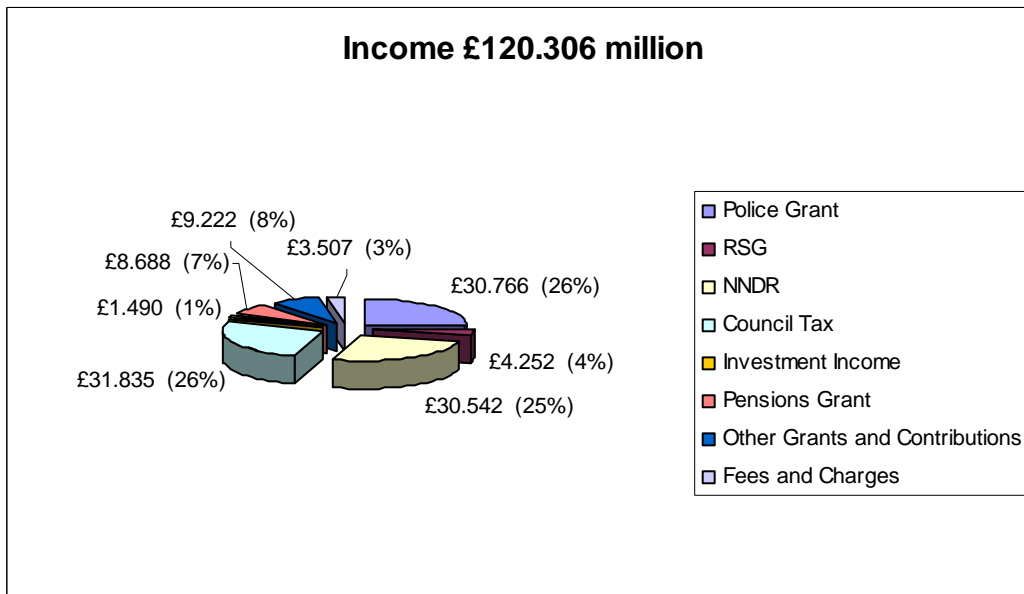
The Authority's principal statutory accounts are prepared in accordance with a Code of Accounting Practice issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). It contains a number of complex and lengthy disclosures covering a number of technical areas of the accounts so as to meet demanding professional standards. A substantial element of the principal accounts are not straightforward to understand for the lay reader, and, accordingly, a short summary has been prepared, based on good practice guidance notes from CIPFA, which sets out to highlight the main areas and statements in the accounts. The principal accounts and this summary are located on the Authority's website at www.cumbriapoliceauthority.org.uk. The document can also be obtained from: -

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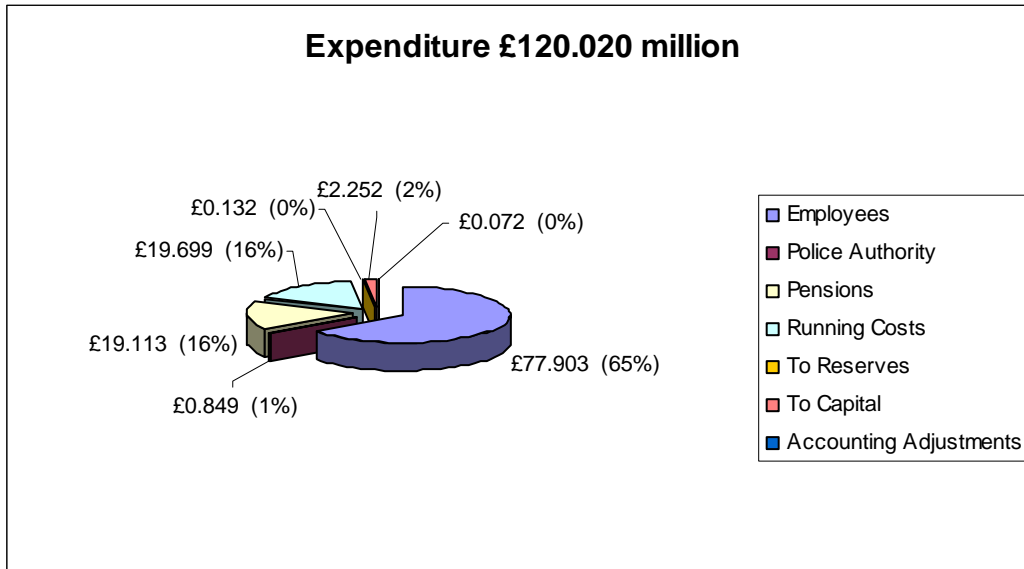
Cumbria Police Authority set a budget for 2008-09 of £97.395m, which included a planned contribution of £0.2m to general fund balances. The majority of the Authority's income came from central government funds, with only about 26% from local Council Tax payers. The Council Tax for a standard band D property was £179.46 and for a band B property, the most prevalent single band in Cumbria, amounted to £139.59. Actual final spending including transfers to and from reserves amounted to £97.1m, which, taking account of the planned contribution to general fund balances, was in line with the budget.

Where the money came from



The table above demonstrates the various sources of income. It shows that, of total income, 55% came from Government, based on a complex formula, which sets out to allocate funds on the basis of relative need. 26% of total income came from Council Taxes, which the Authority is responsible for setting every year. The balance (19%) came from investment and other income.

What the money was spent on



The table above shows the distribution of expenditure during the year. The main elements can be summarised as follows: -

Employees – The area of the budget, amounting to 65% of total spending, supported an average of 1,295 police officers, 824 police staff and 114 Police Community Support Officers who provided the full range of policing services and organisation support.

Pensions – This area of the budget, representing 16% of total spending supported police pensions’ costs, incorporating formal accounting adjustments to set out the annual effect of future police pensions’ liabilities.

Running costs – This area of the budget, which amounted to 16% of total spending, supported the cost of premises, which comprised 54 operational buildings, the costs of transport, including running a fleet of 408 operational vehicles and a range of operational consumables, including the costs of IT and communications, operational equipment and uniforms.

Reserves – This represents the net movement for the year between the Income and Expenditure account and earmarked reserves.

Police Authority costs – This represents the Police Authority’s own costs, which include the cost of its statutory officers, members’ expenses and the cost of internal and external audit.

Capital – This area of the budget supported the capital investment programme.

Income and Expenditure Account 2008-09

The table below sets out the revised budgeted and actual costs of policing in Cumbria for the 2008-09 financial year with the 2007-08 figures shown for comparison, together with an analysis of the sources of finance.

	2008-09 Revised Budget £000	2008-09 Net Expenditure £000	2007-08 Net Expenditure £000
Pay and Allowances	77,486	75,844	73,796
Police Pensions	12,823	13,490	18,850
Other employees costs	1,584	2,059	1,131
Premises costs	4,548	4,711	3,559
Transport costs	2,277	2,566	2,355
Supplies and Services	11,551	11,884	10,058
Other	738	538	556
Statutory Pensions and other charges (i)	47,666	47,445	42,249
Police Authority costs	862	849	796
Gross Operating Expenditure	159,535	159,386	153,350
Income	(11,816)	(14,219)	(15,258)
Other adjustments	23	23	715
Net Operating Expenditure	147,742	145,190	138,807
Statutory Pensions and other adjustments (i)	(50,465)	(50,465)	(51,508)
Reserve Movements and revenue Contributions to Capital	(62)	2,384	6,551
Net Expenditure to be financed by Government Grant and Council Tax	97,215	97,109	93,850
Government Grants	(35,018)	(35,018)	(34,943)
National Non Domestic Rates	(30,542)	(30,542)	(29,047)
Council Tax Income	(31,835)	(31,835)	(30,040)
General Balances brought forward	4,682	4,682	4,502
Contribution to General Balances	(180)	(286)	(180)
General Balances carried forward	4,862	4,968	4,682

(i) The year end figures include a number of statutory accounting entries, related to pensions and capital accounting, which are not routinely reported on during the financial year.

Readers can see a more detailed analysis and explanation for the out-turn and variances by reading the report presented to Governance Committee at its meeting on 30 June 2009 and accessible on the Authority's website www.cumbriapoliceauthority.org.uk.

Balance sheet as at 31 March 2009

The table below shows the overall financial position at the end of the financial year, with previous figures for comparison. It shows, in particular, the value of assets owned and any sums owed to and by the Authority.

	31 March 2009 £'000	31 March 2008 £'000
Buildings, Land and Major Equipment	67,463	54,536
Stock	272	249
Debtors	8,242	7,774
Long Term Investments	4,000	0
Short term Investments	11,000	22,000
Cash in Bank	1,733	3,259
Current Liabilities	(14,895)	(16,107)
External Loans	(340)	(545)
Provisions	(457)	(415)
Deferred Grants	(8,008)	(5,453)
Pensions Liability	(592,368)	(634,957)
	(523,358)	(569,659)
Represented by:		
Distributable Reserves	19,859	19,441
Non Distributable Reserves (i)	49,151	45,857
Pensions Reserve	(592,368)	(634,957)
	(523,358)	(569,659)

- (i) Non Distributable Reserves include the Capital Adjustment Account and the Revaluation Reserve. These are maintained so that the current value of assets can be shown in the balance sheet, demonstrate how capital expenditure has been financed and record some technical accounting adjustments. These reserves are not available for the Authority to spend.

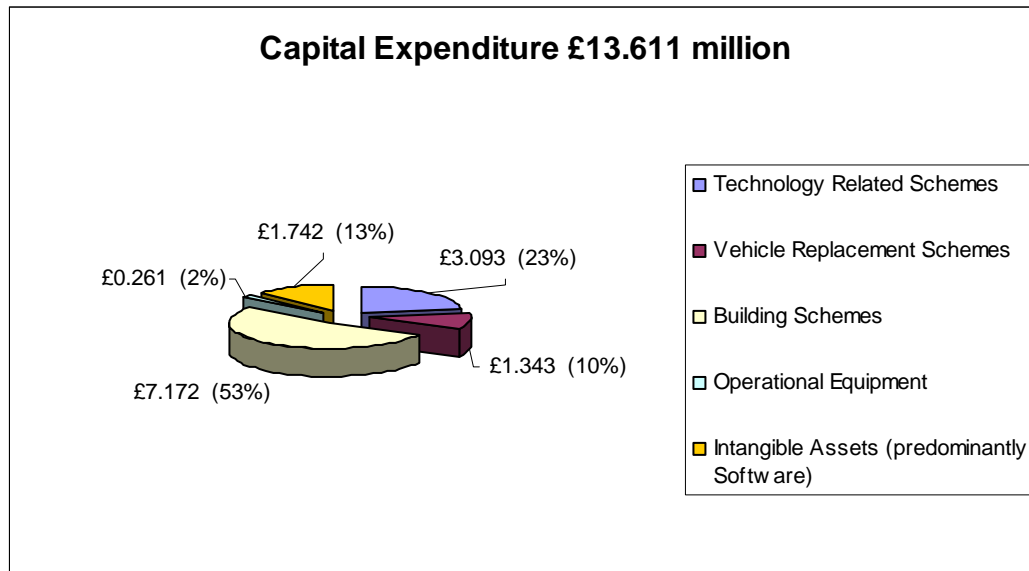
Cash Flow Statement

	£000
Cash in bank, in hand or in transit 31 March 2008	3,259
Add: Cash Inflows	132,456
Less: Cash Outflows	(133,982)
Cash in bank, in hand or in transit 31 March 2009	1,733

Any surplus cash is invested in secure banking institutions and generates additional income to support policing in Cumbria.

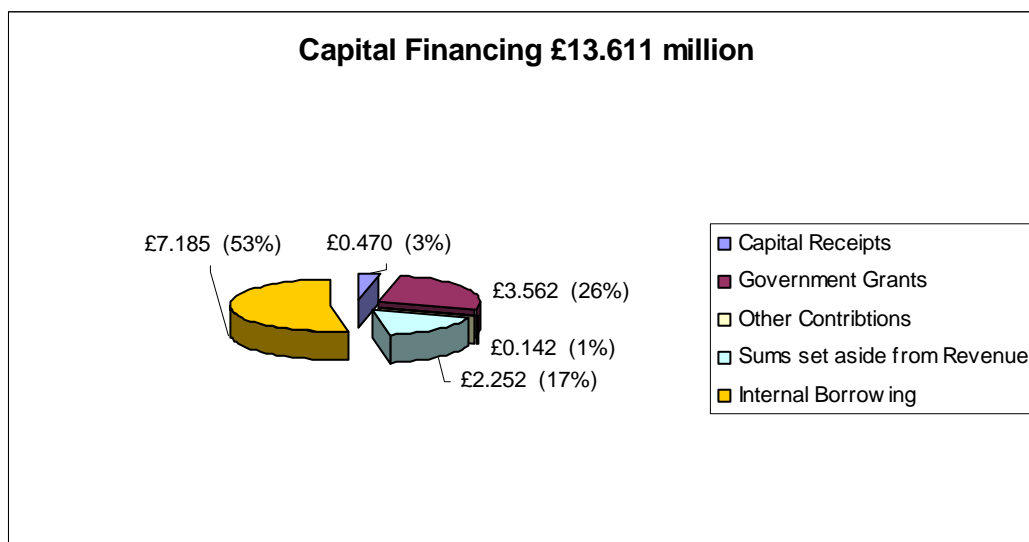
Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure generally represents money spent acquiring, upgrading and improving assets and major operational equipment. The Authority and Constabulary receives the benefit from capital expenditure over a longer period of time. The chart below sets out the capital investment made during 2008-09. It amounted in total to £13.611m. The largest single element of capital expenditure in 2008-09 amounting to £6.8m related to the construction of the new North BCU HQ at Durranshill in Carlisle.



Capital Financing

The Authority's capital programme in 2008-09 was financed through a combination of capital receipts from the sale of assets, grants and contributions, sums set aside from revenue and borrowing. Government grant funding is unusually high as it represents the drawdown of grants previous accumulated over a number of years which were required to be applied in 2008-09 to finance major projects.



Constabulary performance in 2008-09

The following table represents an extract of the performance during 2008-09, using the resources provided for policing. The table shows good performance in relation to 2007-08, with total offences reduced by 12% and actual reduction in each of the major crime categories. In addition to a reduction in the total number of notifiable offences, there was a reduction in the number of anti social Behaviour Incidents and an improvement in the detection rate.

Performance Measure	2007/08	2008/09	Change	% Change	Performance Against Previous Year
Burglary Dwelling	651	617	-34	-5%	✓
Class A Drugs Supply	182	231	49	27%	✓
Criminal Damage	8819	6822	-1997	-23%	✓
Robbery	42	36	-6	-14%	✓
Theft	5798	5552	-246	-4%	✓
Burglary other than from Dwellings	1337	1308	-29	-2%	✓
Offences against the person	534	486	-48	-9%	✓
Theft from Motor Vehicle	6223	5526	-697	-11%	✓
Theft of Motor Vehicle	261	244	-17	-7%	✓
Fraud & Forgery	1173	1122	-51	-4%	✓
Sexual Offences	558	515	-43	-8%	✓
Violent Crime	6526	5806	-720	-11%	✓
Total Notifiable Offences	27103	23964	-3139	-12%	✓
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	34070	31245	-2825	-8%	✓
Sanction Detection Rate	37.42%	37.62%		0.20%	✓