



Summary of Norfolk Police Authority Accounts 2008-2009

The Police Authority is an independent body made up of local people to oversee the work of the Constabulary. The Authority has a range of financial and legal powers, but the principal responsibility is to ensure an efficient and effective police service in Norfolk. The Police Authority sets the budget for the year and agrees local policing objectives with the Chief Constable.

The Constabulary, under the Chief Constable, is responsible for spending the budget to provide an effective policing service to meet the agreed objectives.

Summary of the Authority's Financial Position for 2008-09

Norfolk Police Authority's approved revenue budget for 2008-09 which provides for the day to day cost of policing was set at £138.291m. At the end of the year there was an under-spend of £0.200m.

The budget for the Capital Programme which provides for the purchase, upgrade and improvement of land and buildings, operational and ICT equipment and vehicles was set at £8.589m. At the end of the year there was an under-spend of £2.615m of which £2.571m represents planned expenditure which is being carried forward to the next financial year.

The Authority also holds general reserves of £4.475m and various reserves for specific purposes of £13.342m which are continually monitored.

Included within the revenue budget were efficiency savings of £3.667m.

Responsibility for managing the budget is delegated to the Chief Constable. Spending against the budget is monitored regularly throughout the year, and reports from the Chief Constable are received at each of the Authority's meetings.

This leaflet is a summary of the full statement of accounts and gives a brief overview of the Authority's financial performance and position for the year ending 31 March 2009. It contains key facts and figures that include:

- the cost and funding of services
- the balance sheet, showing the year end value of assets and liabilities
- an analysis of capital investment during the year.

Our external auditor, the Audit Commission, has audited the accounts, and has agreed that they "present fairly" the financial position of the Authority and has issued an unqualified audit opinion.

A full copy of the Authority's 2008-09 audited accounts is available on the Authority's website at www.norfolk-pa.gov.uk

Copies of the accounts are available on request (subject to availability) by telephoning 01953 424454.

This summary is intended to give an overview of the Authority's spending and financial position for the financial year 2008-09. The aim is to show the information in a non-technical format. The format used is different to that used for the statutory accounts which have to be prepared in accordance with national accounting rules, although the figures are consistent in both statements.

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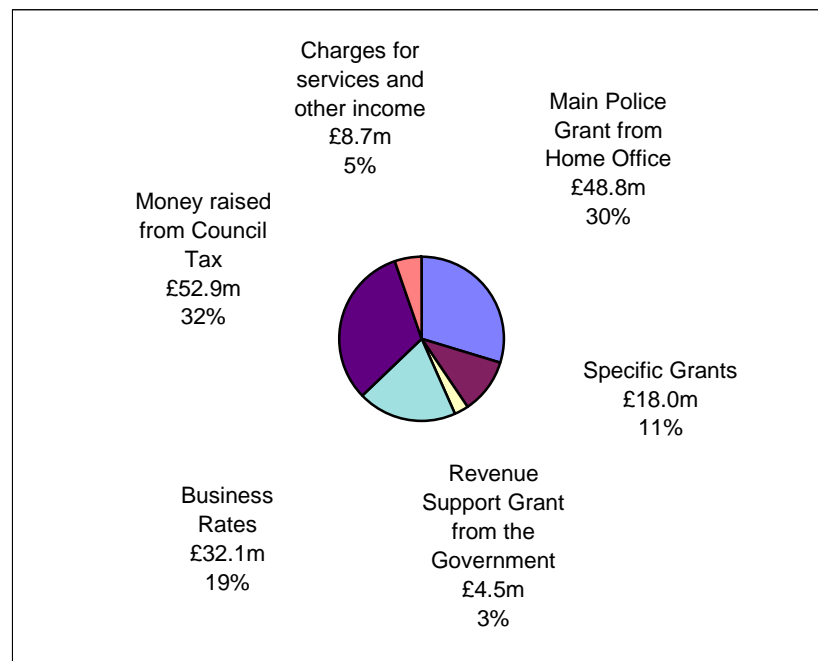
What we spent in 2008-09

The original revenue budget for 2008-09 was £138.291m. Actual expenditure for the year was £138.091m resulting in an underspend of £0.200m. This has been added to the Authority's general reserve.

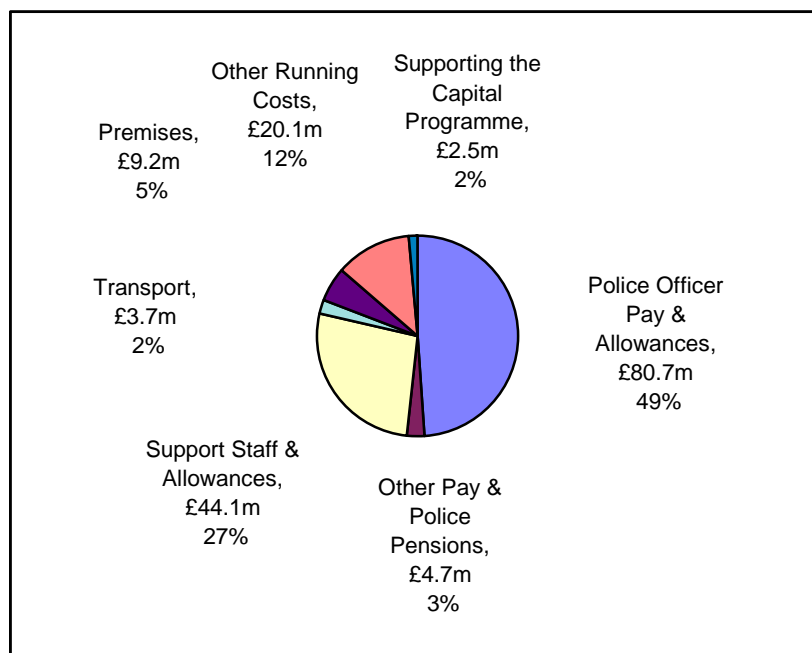
The figures below show the full cost of services including relevant overheads and support services.

REVENUE BUDGET

Where our money came from



What the money was spent on



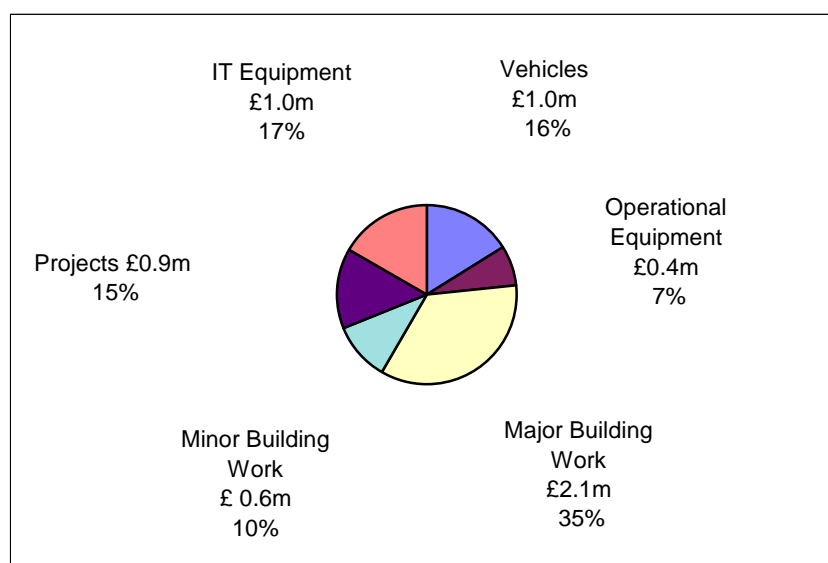
Capital Investment 2008-09

In 2008-09, £5.974m was spent on capital investment against a programme of £8.589m. Of the total underspend £2.571m represents planned expenditure which is being carried forward to the next financial year.

Major Building Work includes Operational Deployment Bases at Earlham, Wells, Thetford and Cromer.

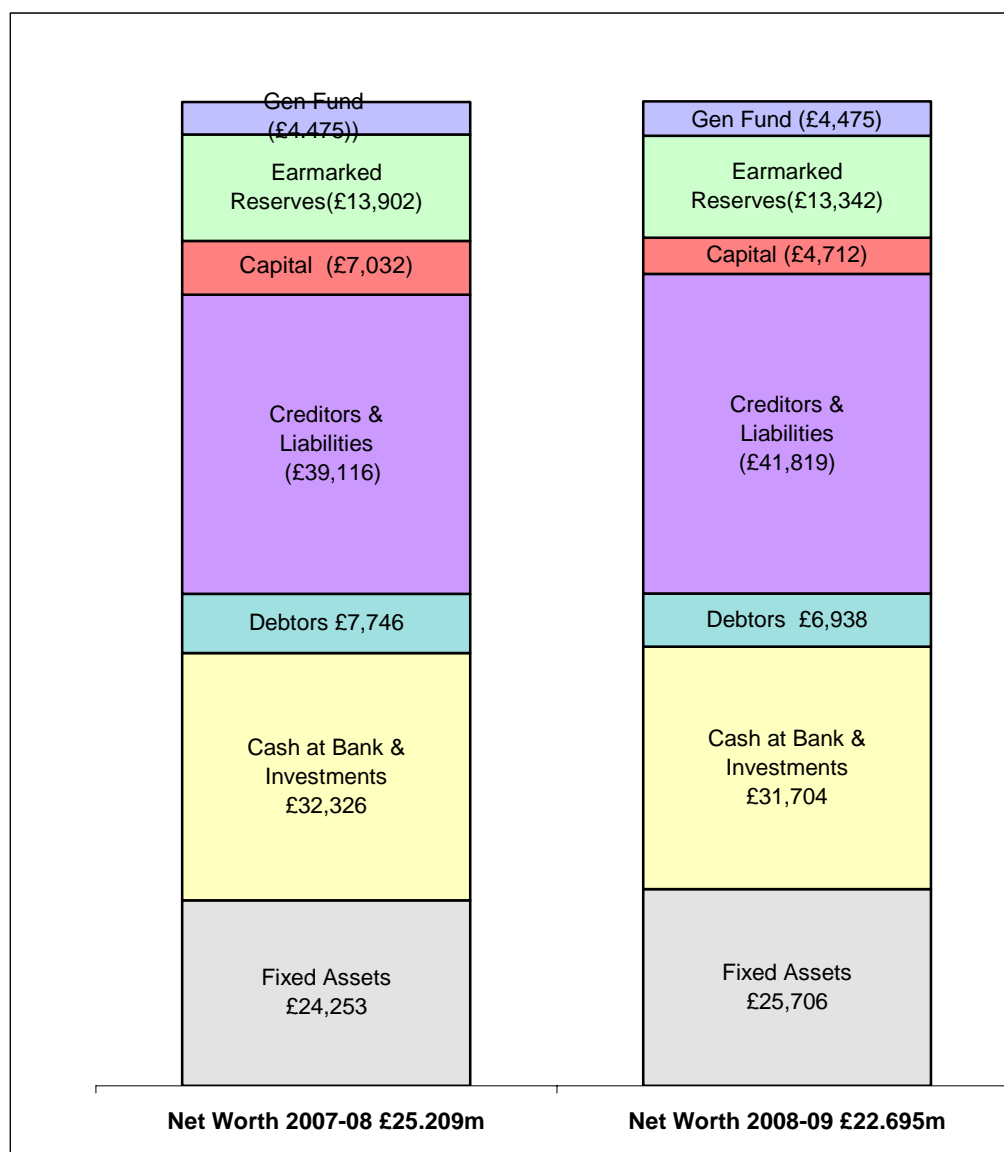
Projects includes development of ICT, Response Policing, Automatic Vehicle/Person Location System and Operational Data Warehouse.

What the money was spent on



The Authority's Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2009

The balance sheet shows the end of year financial position for the Police Authority as a whole. It presents the financial value of assets owned by the Authority and the value of borrowings and other debts owed by the Authority.



In the formal accounts of the Authority a technical adjustment is made for future pension liabilities which have an effect of showing a net deficit.

Fixed Assets include land, buildings, police houses, furniture, vehicles and equipment and stock.

The **Capital Accounting** figure shows how much of the Authority's fixed assets have been paid for to date. The balance is covered by long term borrowing.

The **General Fund** is money held to meet unplanned or unforeseen spending demands. It is kept at the minimum level considered necessary to protect the Authority from overspending.

Earmarked Reserves are amounts set aside by the Authority to meet specific future spending requirements. They include money for the support to the base revenue budget and to provide a contribution for invest to save schemes within the corporate programme for future years.