

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

14 November 2008

Agenda Item	
Report No	

Resource Allocation Model

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

This report informs the Board of the current Resource Allocation Model in terms of distribution of the Force Revenue Budget.

Background

Northern Constabulary has developed a Resource Allocation Model over many years to support the principles of devolved management whilst at the same time ensuring that our corporate commitments are met.

Once corporate costs are removed the entire budget is allocated to the three operational Divisions. This is initially based on the Force Resource Allocation Model but it is adjusted in line with the professional judgement of the Chief Constable. In recent years the Chief Constable has carefully exercised his professional judgement to allocate additional resources to Inverness to accommodate the increased demand in that area. This is fully supported by the Executive, Headquarters and Divisional Command Teams and it is only after full consultation with them that the final budgets are set.

This year the operational budget was distributed on the following model:

North Division	28.02% of the Operational Budget
Central Division	35.74% of the Operational Budget
East Division	36.23% of the Operational Budget

This approach to incremental budget setting has allowed flexibility in resourcing changing needs and demands whilst allowing us to continue achieving our policing priorities.

This Model continues to serve the Force well and the recent efficiency savings from the Force Review have been allocated by the Chief Constable to meet the changing operational needs of the Force by improving officer numbers through increased capacity and ensuring that minimum thresholds of capability in terms of specialist support are improved.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is requested to note this update.

I Latimer
Chief Constable

28 October 2008