

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

14 SEPTEMBER 2007

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| Agenda Item | |
| Report No | |

CAPITAL MONITORING AS AT END AUGUST 2007

Report by the Chief Constable

SUMMARY

To inform the Board of the Capital expenditure position as at the end of August 2007.

BACKGROUND

The attached Capital Monitoring Report reflects the expenditure position at the end of August 2007. Members will note that this monitoring statement shows a revised cost estimate £260k less than the original capital allocation. This overall movement downwards is made up of:

- £350k reduction in respect of IT related projects which are being driven forward nationally but which are now highly unlikely to progress in 2007/2008. (SPR2, Duty Management System, HOLMES)
- £15k reduction in respect of the provision of an Asset Management System – an alternative solution has been developed within Force.
- £60k increase in respect of Data Network Upgrade – due to slight change in scope and increase in costs.
- £15k increase in respect of ANPR – increase in costs.
- £16k funding provision for Solcara Press Bureau – new project to procure an integrated software suite which will enable Media Services to manage media and marketing inquiries.
- £14k funding provision of ICDP – continuation of the Integrated Communications Development Programme – this funding allocation will enable further development of the Airwave radio systems functionality

In those areas where either the original funding allocation has increased or where new funding has been approved detailed bids have been submitted to the Capital & Project Monitoring Group and following approval here have been remitted to the Policy Forum for Force wide approval. They are now being presented to this meeting of the NJPB for approval to amend the original capital plan for 2007/2008. With the exception of the Nairn, Lairg & Rhiconich projects all estates related projects are currently progressing as planned. There will be slippage within the three projects mentioned in terms of both construction progress and spend.

The Nairn Police Station project will need to be revisited as the site being considered for development has been sold to another party.

Environmental assessments continue on the Lairg site, which may extend the construction programme.

Following the planning issues surrounding Rhiconich there will be a delay in commencing the project which will have a corresponding delay on spend. These issues are now resolved and it is anticipated that Planning Consent will be granted in September 2007 with work progressing on site late November/ early December.

All projects within the technical project category are currently showing no expenditure.

The VIPER suites project is currently delayed awaiting direction from the Scottish Government re funding issues for wider scale roll-out – further details will be provided to the NJPB as they become available but there is a possibility that there will be no expenditure in the 2007/2008 financial year.

The Digital Video Recording Suites and Video Conferencing Facilities projects are still within the planning stages – expenditure on these areas should begin to be incurred within the next 2 months.

If the earlier proposal re IT Related Projects is accepted 4 projects will remain within this category. Of these the Performance Information Systems project is linked into a national project and local progress, and consequently spend, is linked to national developments. This project is currently in the planning stage but it is not anticipated at this time that there will be any deviation from plan.

The other 3 IT projects are being driven forwards locally and are at different stages. We are awaiting tender returns in relation to the E-Learning Platform and the IT Desktop Replacement and Data Network Upgrade projects are continuing as planned.

At this stage in the financial year both projects within the Force Modernisation category are progressing as planned.

The Fleet Replacement programme continues as planned. The lead-time for delivery of vehicles explains the low level of expenditure to date.

The ANPR project continues as planned with contract award imminent.

Members will note that the two additional projects referenced earlier in this report as requiring approval have expenditure in line with the proposed budget. Following discussions at CPMG/Policy Forum it was felt necessary to expedite these projects prior to this meeting of the NJPB – the approval being sought is therefore retrospective.

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Board approve the amendments to the original 2007/2008 Capital Plan.
2. The Board notes the current expenditure position.

I Latimer
Chief Constable
7 September 2007

NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD
Capital Monitoring as at end August 2007

| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| | Original Allocation | Movements | Revised Cost Estimate | Spend/ Income | % of Plan |
| RETENTIONS | | | | | |
| Gairloch | 10 | | 10 | 8 | 82.6% |
| Tain | 15 | | 15 | 6 | 38.0% |
| Thurso | 15 | | 15 | 0 | |
| Kilmallie | 26 | | 26 | - | |
| Firearms Range | 5 | | 5 | - | |
| Bonar Bridge | 10 | | 10 | 1 | 8.7% |
| | 81 | - | 81 | 15 | 17.9% |
| ESTATES RELATED PROJECTS | | | | | |
| Burnett Road Remodelling | 5 | | 5 | 8 | 150.8% |
| HQ Reception Remodelling | 43 | | 43 | 3 | 7.1% |
| Dingwall Cell Block | 40 | | 40 | 42 | 104.0% |
| Grantown on Spey | 520 | | 520 | 140 | 26.9% |
| Lairg | 535 | | 535 | 15 | 2.7% |
| Nairn | 100 | | 100 | 1 | 0.7% |
| Whalsay | 145 | | 145 | 4 | 2.6% |
| Rhiconich | 351 | | 351 | - | |
| Armoury & Firearms Office | 11 | | 11 | - | |
| | 1,750 | - | 1,750 | 211 | 12.1% |
| TECHNICAL PROJECTS | | | | | |
| VIPER Suites | 150 | | 150 | - | |
| Digital Video Recording Suites | 25 | | 25 | - | |
| Video Conferencing Facilities | 50 | | 50 | - | |
| | 225 | - | 225 | - | |
| IT RELATED PROJECTS | | | | | |
| Provision of Asset Management System | 15 | (15) | - | - | |
| Performance Information System | 15 | | 15 | - | |
| SPR2 | 250 | (250) | - | - | |
| Duty Management System | 90 | (90) | - | - | |
| HOLMES | 10 | (10) | - | - | |
| IT Desktop Replacement | 20 | | 20 | - | |
| Data Network Upgrade | 177 | 60 | 237 | 66 | 28.0% |
| E-Learning Platform | 10 | | 10 | - | |
| | 587 | (305) | 282 | 66 | 23.5% |
| FORCE MODERNISATION | | | | | |
| Mobile Data | 60 | | 60 | 6 | 9.6% |
| Centralised Custody Suite | 170 | | 170 | 5 | 3.0% |
| | 230 | - | 230 | 11 | 4.7% |
| OTHER | | | | | |
| Fleet Replacement | 502 | | 502 | 115 | 22.9% |
| ANPR | 67 | 15 | 82 | - | 0.0% |
| | 569 | 15 | 584 | 115 | 19.7% |
| ADDITIONAL PROJECTS | | | | | |
| Solcara Press Bureau | - | 16 | 16 | 6 | 36.4% |
| ICDP | - | 14 | 14 | 14 | 97.6% |
| | - | 30 | 30 | 20 | 65.5% |
| TOTAL | 3,442 | (260) | 3,182 | 437 | 13.7% |
| Net Receipts from Property Disposal | 200 | | 200 | 250 | 125.1% |
| Receipts from Vehicle Disposal | 75 | | 75 | 44 | 58.4% |
| SOURCES OF FUNDING | | | | | |
| Capital Grant | 1,485 | | | | |
| Receipts B/F* | 3,244 | | | | |
| In-year receipts - Property | 200 | | | | |
| In-year receipts - Vehicles | 75 | | | | |
| TOTAL CAPITAL RESOURCES | 5,004 | | | | |