



**CHESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
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SUMMARY**

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Message from your Authority Chairman and Chief Constable

Welcome to this summary of the Police Authority's Statement of Accounts for 2010/11 that has been produced to provide clearer information and aid understanding. This has been prepared under the new International Financial Reporting Standards introduced fully this year for local authorities. To allow meaningful comparisons the previous two years have been restated. You can also access a full copy of the published accounts on the Police Authority website at www.cheshirepa.police.uk.

These are difficult times for everyone, due to the economic climate, reductions in the Coalition Government's funding for policing and rising costs such as National Insurance, fuel, utilities and inflation, we have to save £32 million from our budgets over the 2011-15 period. For 2010/11 through pre-emptive action the Authority and Constabulary have continued to improve services whilst delivering total savings of £13m.

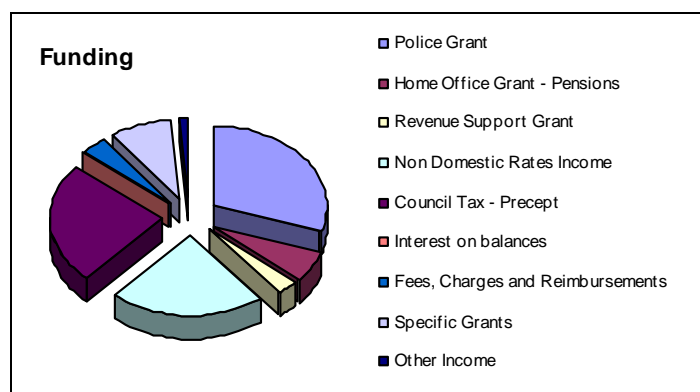
Crime is at its lowest level for 10 years and we are still committed to protecting the people of Cheshire. This shows in the figures – there are now nearly 7,400 less victims of crime each year compared to 2001. The number of domestic burglaries in Cheshire has reduced by 2,585 in that time with the number of car crimes reducing by 7,561.

These summary accounts explain how that budget was spent and the performance levels achieved in 2010/11.

Margaret Ollerenshaw
Chairman

David Whatton
Chief Constable

WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM?



<u>Funding</u>	£000	%
Police Grant	67,033	30.2
Home Office Grant - Pensions	13,421	6.0
Revenue Support Grant	7,165	3.2
Non Domestic Rates Income	49,341	22.2
Council Tax - Precept	53,944	24.3
Interest on balances	309	0.1
Fees, Charges & Reimbursements	7,658	3.5
Specific Grants	19,897	9.0
Other Income	3,074	1.4
	221,842	

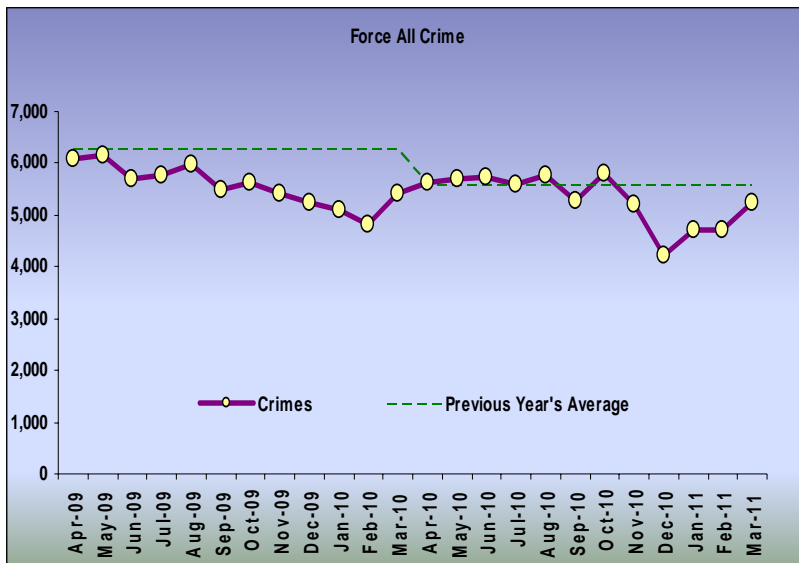
Your council tax contributes 24% towards the cost of policing in Cheshire, with Government grants, business rates and other income providing the rest.

HOW WAS IT SPENT?

<u>Services</u>	£000	%
Local Policing	94,915	42.8
Dealing with the Public	21,934	9.9
Criminal Justice Arrangements	23,681	10.7
Roads Policing	11,931	5.4
Specialist Operations	9,523	4.3
Intelligence	12,264	5.5
Specialist Investigations	29,552	13.3
Investigative Support	8,497	3.8
National Policing	5,276	2.4
	217,573	
Corporate Costs & Financing	7,502	3.4
Remove Accounting Adjustments	(8,540)	-3.8
Transfers to Earmarked Reserves	6,657	3.0
Reduction in General Reserves	(1,350)	-0.6
	221,842	

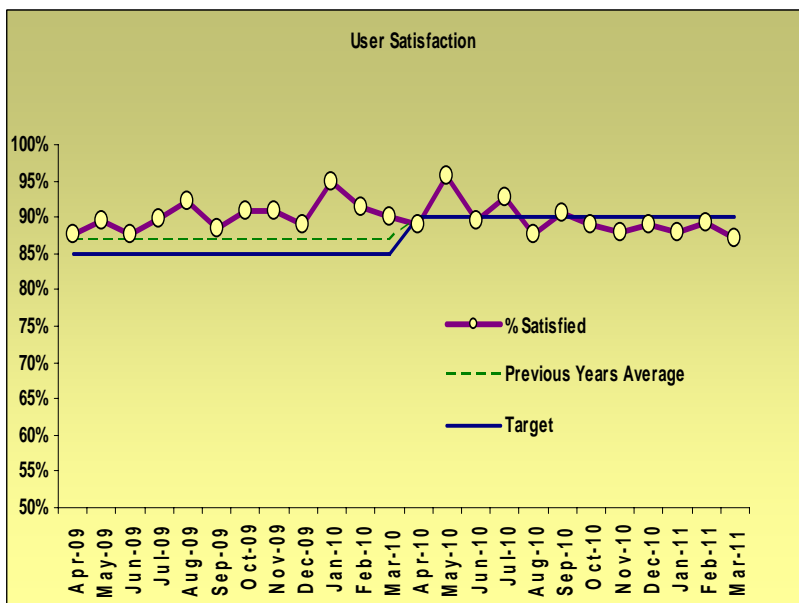
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PERFORMANCE IN 2010/11



Overall crime is measured by the British Crime Survey.

Whilst a reduction target was not set for all crime, Cheshire recorded the 22nd highest reduction for all crime in the Country with a reduction of 5%.



As measured by the Forces' user satisfaction surveys to victims of crime. "How satisfied were you with the overall service provided by the police?" The percentage satisfied is defined as the total percentage that are 'completely satisfied', 'very satisfied' and 'fairly satisfied'.

Whilst Cheshire just failed to meet their 90% target with 89% satisfaction, comparable data shows that Cheshire is still the 3rd best performing Force in the Country.

CAPITAL INVESTMENT

To support the provision of policing services, the Authority holds long-term assets including property, vehicles and equipment valued at £96.1m at 31 March 2011. During 2010/11 £4.8m was invested in new assets as follows:

	£000
Land and Buildings	808
Plant and Equipment	3,602
Information Technology	402
Total	4,812

Capital investment is funded by grants, money from selling assets no longer required, contributions and loans.

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

The balance sheet shows the value of the Authority's assets against its liabilities.

2008/09 £m	2009/10 £m		2010/11 £m
89.0	105.9	Long-term Assets	96.1
5.2	2.0	Short-term Investments	3.0
0.6	0.4	Stock	0.4
9.7	13.8	Short-term Debtors	9.2
11.6	9.9	Cash and Cash Equivalents	16.0
0.2	0.2	Assets Held For Sale	1.5
116.3	132.2	Total Assets	126.2
(16.2)	(21.6)	Current Liabilities	(18.2)
(29.9)	(29.3)	Long-term Liabilities	(28.4)
(18.7)	(22.1)	Borrowing	(22.7)
(64.8)	(73.0)	Total Liabilities	(69.3)
51.5	59.2	Net Worth before Pensions	56.9
(956.0)	(1,457.6)	Pension Liability #	(1,411.2)
904.5	(1,398.4)	Net Worth after Pensions	(1,354.3)
		<u>Financed by:</u>	
23.2	16.3	Useable Reserves	20.5
28.3	42.9	Unusable Reserves ##	36.4
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The large pension liability above is included in the balance sheet to show what the Authority would owe if it had to pay all the pensions for all the existing and retired officers and staff in the pension schemes on 31 March. This would not happen as the actual payment of such pensions is made over many years and is funded by future contributions from officers and staff, together with Government funding.

Unusable reserves includes the capital accounting reserves representing the difference between the current valuation of assets and the historic cost of those assets; accumulated absences (as part of the working terms and conditions, at any given time employees can hold entitlement to leave, time off in lieu or flexi leave for additional hours worked) which are generally taken as leave rather than paid; and the potential impact of any surplus/deficit on the council tax collection fund applicable to the Authority.