

ITEM FOR DECISION



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
POLICE AUTHORITY**

DATE	25th August 2010
COMMITTEE/PANEL	Police Authority
REPORT AUTHOR	Deputy Chief Executive & Treasurer

Damping Arrangements - Lobbying

PURPOSE

1. To update Members on proposals in relation to lobbying on the Damping effect on the Police Grant.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Members are requested to:
 - Note the contents of the report and support the proposed campaign.
 - Agree a maximum contribution of £1,000 towards potential campaign costs.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To ensure that there is agreement to support this campaign.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Nottinghamshire is one of the 22 Police Authorities that lose out under the damping mechanism in the allocation of police grant. Each year that the Authority receives its grant allocation the Treasurer has written a letter of representation to the Home Office. Whilst this has been replied to it has not had a positive effect on the amount of grant received.

The ACPO and APA position in relation to those Authorities that “lose” has also not helped and in the current economic climate there will be no additional funding to lift authorities from the under the floor.

During the last three years (CSR) there has been a minor move through differential grant settlements to reducing the effect of the floors and the amount of grant that Nottinghamshire has lost has reduced from £8.4m in 2008-9 to £6.7m in 2010-11. One of the recommendations is that differential grant settlements continue over the next CSR, so that the cuts are not so deep for those already losing grant.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

5. There are likely to be some costs relating to this campaign, but as part of the East Midlands collaboration the contract with Connect will be utilised, so other costs should be minor and kept within the Authority's budget. The Authority is being asked to consider what it is prepared to contribute towards campaign costs, this could be set at a maximum of £1,000.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

7. All 22 Authority's affected by the damping model are being consulted on this campaign.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. Previous settlement announcements

FURTHER INFORMATION

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ALSO: