

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT

Title: Provisional Police Settlement 2011-12

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Government

I am publishing today my proposals for the Welsh Assembly Government element of the funding of Police Authorities in Wales for 2011-12. This includes details of the provisional allocations of the core unhypothecated funding provided through Revenue Support Grant (RSG) that each police authority in Wales may expect to receive for the forthcoming financial year (table 1 and 2 attached). Also announced are indicative allocations for 2012-13.

The allocations for 2012-13 are indicative but provide a robust basis for forward planning by police authorities.

Police funding is not wholly devolved and the overall Police settlement is driven by the Home Office's decisions on Police Grant. Funding is distributed across all Police Authorities in England and Wales in accordance with a distribution formula operated by the Home Office. The Home Office is also responsible for providing funding from within Police Grant to ensure that no Police Authority has to take a cut in resources of more than 5.1% for 2011-12

and 6.7% for 2012-13. The overall impact of the settlement and Home Office floor damping is that every Police Authority in England and Wales has the same level of reduction for 2011-12.

This is without doubt a very challenging settlement for the Police Service that will require hard choices and a fundamental look at how business is organised to protect front-line policing. The Police Authorities in Wales have a very good record of collaboration in the development and provision of services.

Collaborative working will only grow in importance in future years, and the Police are participating in a shared agenda across the public sector in Wales to promote efficiency and innovation in public services.

Today marks the start of a six week consultation period that will end on 24 January 2011.

I would be happy to make an oral statement if Assembly Members wish me to do so, at the first opportunity in the new session.

Police revenue funding - proposed figures for 2011/12 and indicative figures for 2012/13.

Table 1: Aggregate External Finance (RSG+NNDR, £m)

	2010-11 ¹	2011-12	2012-13
Dyfed-Powys	18.350	17.115	15.652
Gwent	36.525	35.061	32.961
North Wales	27.956	26.966	24.804
South Wales	83.956	81.857	77.583
Total	166.787	161.000	151.000

Table 2: Police Grant and Floor Funding (£m)²

	2010-11 ¹	2011-12	2012-13
Dyfed-Powys	42.712	40.808	38.389
Gwent	51.200	48.154	44.676
North Wales	59.649	56.135	52.726
South Wales	108.440	100.647	92.690
Total	262.000	245.744	228.481

Notes:

1 2010-11 figures adjusted for transfers into the settlement

2 This is the amount of police grant set out in section 3 of the Police Grant Report which includes the allocation under 'Principal Formula' and 'Add Rule 1' (columns a and b) plus the amount 'floor funding' that the Home Office has made available.