

Subject: ACPO Funding – 2002/2003**Report of the Clerk**

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the annual request from the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) for a contribution to central secretariat costs for 2002/2003.

ACPO Budget Proposals

2. The Association of Police Authorities Plenary Committee has received a presentation from ACPO outlining budget proposals for 2002/03. ACPO was looking broadly to a standstill budget.
3. The Home Office has confirmed that it will fund ACPO on the same basis of cash standstill. The APA Executive Sub-Committee has agreed to recommend to police authorities that they make contributions to ACPO based on cash standstill on 2001/02 subscription levels - £709,127.
4. ACPO gave notice that in seeking this level of contribution, that the current rent review of their existing premises may result in ACPO needing to seek additional funding in this and future years. The APA Executive agreed that this should be discounted in its recommendation to police authorities, and that ACPO should be advised that any request from it for increased contributions would be considered by the APA, as and when it arose.
5. However, the Executive noted that in correspondence with ACPO, that:
 - ACPO currently has considerable cash reserves.
 - Police authorities are not the only source of funding for ACPO and the Home Office, in particular, appears to be better placed to consider increased contribution levels.
 - Police authorities may not be able to absorb any significant increases other than over an extended period (even where they were minded to agree they were appropriate)

6. Northumbria Police Authority made an annual contribution in 2001/2002 of £19,750.

7. Equal Opportunities Implications

Nil

8. Human Rights Implications

Nil

9. **Financial Implications**

The Treasurer confirms that the Authority's contribution to the costs of the ACPO Central Secretariat can be accommodated within the 2002/03 revenue budget.

10. **Recommendation**

The Police Authority is asked to note its level of contribution towards the costs of the ACPO Central Secretariat which will be at the same level as 2001/02 namely £19,750.