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**PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL POLICE RESOURCES: NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

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**Joint Report of the Chief Constable, Clerk and Treasurer**

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**1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise members that agreement has been reached between Northumbria Police and the Newcastle International Airport Management Board for the provision of three Constables to continue until 31 March 2008.

**2 BACKGROUND**

At the Police Authority meeting held on 10 December 1996 (minute number 210 - 1996/97) members endorsed a policy giving authority to the Chief Constable to consider requests for additional resources.

The policy states that proposals should only be considered where the following criteria apply:

- The level of crime and disorder in an area is comparable or worse than the local crime rate.
- Where there is a strong concentration of vulnerable people eg hospital, or an educational establishment etc.
- Where there is a particular short term policing problem.

Finally, in the event that one or more of these criteria are met, any agreed arrangement should not disturb the priorities of the Local Policing Plan.

Two constables have been based at Newcastle International Airport since 5 July 1999 and members were advised of this at the meeting of the Police Authority held on 22 September 1999 (minute 117 - 1999/2000). A third constable has also been based at Newcastle International Airport, under the same conditions, from 1 April 2001 (minute 310 - 2000/2001).

Management and staff of Newcastle International Airport view the three officers as valuable members of the team, contributing towards making the airport a safe and pleasant environment.

During the period June 2000 to June 2003 the officers based at Newcastle International Airport have been responsible for 215 arrests. They have also been involved in joint operations with Customs, Immigration and Special Branch officers.

The Airport has recently announced further plans for extension that may impact further upon future partnership working with Northumbria Police.

### **3 PROPOSAL**

It is intended to continue to provide the existing three Constables working within Newcastle International Airport until 31 March 2008.

The Chief Constable has used his discretion under the above policy to meet 50% of the employee costs, therefore Newcastle International Airport has agreed to provide funding of £54,850 per annum to cover 50% of the officers' salaries until 31 March 2008.

### **4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

### **5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

Although there are no direct human rights implications arising from this report itself, the provision of additional police officers does have human rights implications in that the force has a duty to promote human rights. The work of these officers may be said to promote the 'right to life', the 'right to respect for private and family life' and the 'peaceful enjoyment of property'.

### **6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Treasurer has confirmed that this cost can be accommodated within the revenue budget and that there are no other financial implications arising from this report.

In order to ensure there are no costs to the Authority beyond the expiry of the funding from Newcastle International Airport, an appropriate exit strategy will be devised.

### **7 RECOMMENDATION**

Members are asked to note the contents of the report.