

Exemplifications

7. Exemplifications for option POL1 detailed above are available on the Communities and Local Government website via this link
<http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/0809/grant/sumcons/pol1.xls>

Option POL2: Rolling Additional Rule 2 grants into principal formula Police Grant

8. With effect from 2006/07, a number of specific grants were converted to special formula grants under an additional Rule 2 in the Police Grant Report. This change gave police authorities more control over specific grants and enabled them to operate more flexibly.

9. The effect of this change has been that the grants continue to be paid as before to police authorities but they became unhypothecated. The grants in question are:

Rural Policing Fund	£30m
Forensic Grant	£45.6m
Special Priority Payments Grant	£69m
London/SE Allowances Grant	£47.9m
Total	£192.5m

10. We are now considering removing the separate status of these grants by amalgamating them more fully with the principal formula grant. Direct inclusion of the grants into principal formula would change the distribution of the total provision. We will offer some protection against detriment to individual authorities by adding each authority's current Rule 2 allocation to its general grant baseline.

Option POL3: Rolling Additional Rule 2 grants and the Crime Fighting Fund into principal formula Police Grant

11. Since December 2006, the control over officer numbers applied through the Crime Fighting Fund grant has been lifted and there is less reason for the fund to be directly controlled. Therefore, in addition to amalgamating the Additional Rule 2 grants in POL2, we are also considering whether to roll the current specific grant for the Crime Fighting Fund (£277m) into principal formula Police Grant. Again we would add this to the general grant baseline to protect against immediate detriment.

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12. Exemplifications for options POL2 and POL3 detailed above are available on the Communities and Local Government website via this link
<http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/0809/grant/sumcons/pol2.xls>

Questions

Question 7: Do you agree the resource base should be updated (POL1)?

Question 8: Do you agree that the Additional Rule 2 grants should be rolled into principal formula Police Grant (POL2)?

Question 9: Do you also agree that the Crime Fighting Fund should be rolled into principal formula Police Grant (POL3)?