

Appendix 1

Estates Strategy 2001/02

Summary of Key changes from the 2000/01 Issue

The following are selected extracts from the full document:

In 2001 we will continue to review our policies and strategies in the light of local authority and other best practice and to match CIPFA standards. We will also specifically review our residential estate policy in the light of recruitment and retention and government initiatives.

- **HQ Accommodation,**
- agreed criteria will be established in consultation with customers for prioritising the central location of units.

- **Residential Estate Strategy**
- to review in-year the effects of legislative changes brought about by the implementation of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 and the effect of policy on recruitment and retention.

Articulation of priorities for funding

- the normal order of prioritisation for expenditure on the MPA Estate will be:
 1. operational buildings,
 2. other operational property needs
 3. recruitment
 4. headquarters office accommodation and training
 5. transport
 6. residential.

Operational Building Strategy acceleration (with Estates Sub-Group)

- MPA will set up a working group to review the provision and management direction of the estate in year with a view to seeking a reduction in time to achieve the Operational Building strategy.

Future Traffic Garages

- to reduce to five operational sites within three years, plus a centrally located OCU HQ.
- to retain existing sites at Chadwell Heath, Alperton, Catford, Euston Road and to supplement with a new site in SW London, other sites are surplus to requirement.

Training Strategy

- to meet the redefined needs of MPS Training Strategy including firearms and public order training when this is implemented.
- the accommodation required for the provision of training to be revised as opportunities and funding permit.

Reflection of Pan London Units

- to ensure that the strategy delivers operational needs whilst demonstrating best value.
- to seek to utilise existing estate where appropriate, or to release surplus accommodation for re-use or disposal.
- long term accommodation strategies are being developed in conjunction with the individual operational Command units, to meet the operational needs, locations response times of the re-structured MPS.

Working with MPA and RAC

- the application of Estate Policy and Strategy will be formally managed via the **Estate Review Committee** (ERC). The customer based **Estate Policy Group** (EPG) will endorse proposals for change and be a principal route for customer requirements and feedback.
- EPG will be strengthened in year by senior police officer representation from Specialist Operations and Territorial Policing Departments to address estate prioritisation issues.
- key financial or sensitive issues will be referred to the **Resource Allocation Committee** and where appropriate to the Metropolitan Police Authority – **Finance, Planning and Best Value Committee** and its **Estates Sub-Group**.

Loss of Crown Immunity (but retention of Compulsory Purchase Power)

- following the cessation of Crown Immunity (2000), PSD will liaise with local Planning Authorities to secure building regulations approval for MPS developments.

Property risk insurance

- the MPA to hold commercial 'all risk' insurance for the estate in the event of major loss arising from fire, flood, storm, explosion etc.

Asset Management plans.

- PSD maintains six major policy strands. Collectively these policies, with their supporting strategies and suitability surveys, form the **MPS Asset Management Plan**.
- each policy is delivered by strategies that support the **MPS Policing Plan** through service delivery being:
 - dynamic and flexible to operational needs,
 - sensitive to customer defined priorities,
 - compatible with 'Winning Consent',
 - within objectively set budgets,
 - responsive to statutory and legal requirements, and delivering best practice and best value.