

## Party Group Amendments to Mayor's Draft Consolidated Budget for 2011/12

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<b>Metropolitan Police Service</b>				
<b>Additional spending:</b>				
Increase policing to prevent deaths & injuries on London's roads, to reverse long term cuts	3,000			The MPS has reduced those killed and serious injured on London's roads by 50% over the last five years. The MPS are working with TfL to develop the Safer Transport Model.
Improve training of regular police officers on public order policing	1,000			All police officers receive training in dealing with public order policing and that training has been amended to reflect the recommendations from HMIC. Further investment in this area would reduce officer pressure.
Retain an alternative entry route to the police officer profession which does not require working as a Special Constable (for a proportion of recruits)	1,000			The MSC route is not the only route for officer recruitment. Some will continue to be recruited through the graduate scheme or through the PCSO staff pool. It is not clear what savings would accrue from this proposal.
Initial bursary fund for qualifying new police officer recruits		90		The change to the recruitment model is being managed through the Training SIP which is reconfiguring the budgets. Any funding required for bursaries will be provided as part of the Training SIP.
Additional support for safer neighbourhood policing	6,500			There is currently a review being undertaken that will establish the requirements for Safer Neighbourhood Policing going forward.
Increased resources for selected Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNT) - We believe that the current model of Safer Neighbourhood Teams just working day shifts needs to be augmented in those Boroughs with highest incidence of knife and gun crime. We therefore propose providing funding to allow more flexible shift patterns and additional hours of working in these areas.			6,700	
Save 200 Police Officers posts		10,170		

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Reverse the proposed deletion of 100 Sergeant posts from Safer Neighbourhood Teams in 2011/12			4,500	
Restore the 32 Safer School Team PCSOs		1,020		The MTFP involves 70 additional officers (total 253) and reduces PCSOs by 102. Officers will be supported by SNTs.
Additional resources for borough policing	5,000			
Reinstate part of Basic Command Unit Fund for preventative and diversionary initiatives	3,200			BCU is now part of General Grant. There are several other funding avenues available for BOCUs to access.
Accelerate energy efficiency programme	300			Cutting energy costs within buildings forms part of the Corporate Real Estate savings already included in the budget proposals. The disposal of older properties that have high running costs is one of the ways we are reducing our Estates costs by 25% over the next 3 years.
Youth, Gangs and Knife Crime		4,000		MTFP includes growth of £2.7m (2011/12) and £2.0m (2012/13) for new initiative over two years for anti-gang initiatives.
Co-locating Borough Child Protection Teams with Local Authority Teams		156		The Metropolitan Police Service's Haringey Borough Operational Command Unit (BOCU) located their Public Protection Desk with the Haringey Council team on 1st April 2010 to create a co-located multi-agency team. The team had previously been occupying accommodation within the MPA estate and this space has now been reallocated for other operational purposes. The cost to the MPS has been £31k - which relates to the installation of necessary ICT equipment. The MPS operational teams working in the Public Protection Desks of the remaining 31 London boroughs are currently based within existing MPA accommodation.

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Additional police to deal with child trafficking - The practice of trafficking children to the UK continues to cause real concern. In particular, at main transport hubs such as St Pancras, and Heathrow. A small team (known as Paladin) consisting of police and immigration officers do excellent work trying to stem the flow. We believe it is essential to expand the Paladin team, to enable rail entry points to London to be more appropriately policed.			1,400	The Specialist Crime Directorate is content with the existing structure. The Serious Case Team reinforces Paladin on an 'as required' basis particularly during periods of increased demand.
<b>Savings:</b>				
Reduce police officer overtime spending by further 4% (in addition to planned 11%)	-5,000			Significant reductions in overtime have been made year on year since 2005/06. Overtime will continue to be controlled but is, in the main, driven by operational need. This demand is expected to increase in terms of meeting the demands arising from public order and the Olympics.
Reduce staff overtime by additional 20% (in addition to planned 4.7%)	-6,000			There is currently a review of Police Staff Terms and Conditions that may result in reductions in overtime. Whilst overtime is properly managed and is driven by operational need, it can often be the most cost effective way of meeting peaks in demand.
Reduce public affairs spending	-650			The Directorate of Public Affairs provides professional communication services to support the MPS. DPA delivers this
Cut the MPS media department by 50%		-3,400		

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Reduce spending in the Directorate of Public Affairs. We believe that the budget can be cut, and the number of press officers should be significantly reduced from 74 to 10.			-5,670	<p>communication services to support the MPS. DPA delivers this by raising awareness and understanding about the MPS, promoting corporate objectives and achievements and providing a comprehensive media service 24 hours a day. There are 69 posts in DPA budget for 2011/12, not 74 - a reduction of five posts. Of these, 39 are press officers (not 74). The other important services provided by the rest of DPA include internal comms, e-comms, community engagement and publicity/marketing. Taking away press officers does not reduce the demand on the MPS from the media. Therefore, police officers would have to deal with the demand, taking them away from frontline and visible policing. The DPA budget for 2000/01 was £6.18m. The proposed budget for 2011/12 is £6.475m - a real terms reduction of about 50% over this period. The budget is spent roughly 50/50 on staffing and comms activities, i.e. internal comms, marketing. The Olympics will place a significant demand on the DPA to manage the MPS and security interests in the event. .</p> <p>Reducing DPA by 64 posts would potentially incur significant costs through redundancies and it is unclear how these costs could be absorbed within the current budget envelope. The MPA conducted a review of the DPA in 2007 and made several recommendations for development while cautioning against any further budget reductions.</p>
Cut back on surveillance, databases of personal information, DNA sampling	-2,000			This would be difficult to manage particularly given the change in Control Order regime.
Reduce Territorial Support Group	-5,000			The current allocated budget for the Territorial Support Group (TSG) is £37.7m, which includes 770 Police Officers and 35 Police Staff. A £5m budget reduction represents 13% of the budget. All of the work of these teams is spent on the boroughs of London. To cut the teams would represent a cut to visible policing. Cuts in police staff would incur significant costs which are not budgetted for. Cuts in police officers could only be achieved currently through natural wastage.

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Further reduce spending on flights and hotels	-550			Considerable savings have been made on these activities despite the internationalisation of crime. Some of the existing savings proposals already assume a reduction in flights and hotels e.g. Specialist Crime Directorate/Specialist Operations. Overseas travel will be required for operational purposes. Much overseas travel is paid for by other organisations that are requesting MPS assistance, as well as Counter Terrorism funded activities, which would not generate a saving on the precept.
Further reduce use of cars and drivers for senior officers	-500	-138		The current proposals included in the Policing Plan reflect a reduction in this budget to £0.7m.
Cut energy use in buildings by additional 3% (5% in total)	-300			Cutting energy costs within buildings forms part of the Corporate Real Estate savings already included in the budget proposals. The disposal of older properties that have high running costs is one of the ways Estates costs are being reduced by 25% over the next 3 years.
Cut unnecessary 1 <sup>st</sup> and Business Class air travel		-1,500		Considerable savings have been made on these activities despite the internationalisation of crime. Some of the existing savings proposals already assume a reduction in flights and hotels e.g. Specialist Crime Directorate/Specialist Operations. Overseas travel will be required for operational purposes. Much overseas travel is paid for by other organisations that are requesting MPS assistance, as well as Counter Terrorism funded activities, which would not generate a saving on the precept.
Cut the consultants budget by 50%		-1,450	-1,450	The expenditure for consultants has fallen from £9.6m in 2008/9 to a forecast spend of £2.9m in 2010/11 a reduction of £6.7m. Some of the savings proposals already include further saving on consultants budgets.
Move to more leased contracts for cars, rather than hiring them		-298		The MPS has over the past 2 years moved towards more leased contracts for minibuses, rather than hiring and included in the budget for 2011-14 is a saving of £5m for MPS wide savings on Transport Rationalisation. Leased vehicle arrangements are unlikely to be suitable for meeting the demands of the Olympics.

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Increase revenue from events		-1,000		Current income targets are not being met because of either delays in legislation and/or more effective deployment reducing the level of recoverable costs. This level of increased income is not, therefore, achievable.
Reduced overtime budget		-4,400		Significant reductions in overtime have been made year on year since 2005/06. Overtime will continue to be controlled but is, in the main, driven by operational need. This demand is expected to increase in terms of meeting the demands arising from public order and the Olympics.
Reduced subscription to Association of Chief Police Officers		-110		Currently the MPS pays ACPO c£1.6m for various activities that it provides. These include funding for the Central Witness Bureau, Police National Information and Coordination Centre, National Ballistics Intelligence, Newport Safeguarding, Children Board (NCSB), Freedom of Information Central Referral Unit, ACPO Estates Costs and Support Services Costs. The MPA is currently considering whether to pay the annual subscription to ACPO for next year.
Reduce payments to the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and institute a review of all the services contracted by the MPS to ACPO to ensure value for money.			-500	
Reduction in hotel budget of 50%		-140		These budgets are already subject to reductions and are increasingly tightly controlled. Travel and associated accommodation costs will be required for operational purposes and some costs will be paid for by other organisations or specific grants which would not generate a saving on the precept.
Estates - Co-location of offices and rent raised from lettings		-1,000		This saving is not considered achievable in 2011/12 given the budget reductions already identified in respect of the Corporate Real Estate SIP which has a 25% reduction target over three years.
Estates - Additional Corporate Real Estate Savings		-2,000		This saving is not considered achievable in 2011/12 given the budget reductions already identified in respect of the Corporate Real Estate SIP which has a 25% reduction target over three years.

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Reduction in the number of Commander Posts by 50% over a three-year period. This excludes Borough Commanders, who are generally of the rank Chief Superintendent.			-900	The Commissioner has stated his intention to reduce the management on-cost in the organisation; that work is broader than this proposal and will be built into budgets over the next four year period. It is important that command resilience is retained up until the Olympics.
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**Note:**

No amendments were proposed by the Conservative Group or by independent members.