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**Metropolitan Police Service
2005 - 2006
Summary of Accounts**
Detail of income and expenditure
together with information on
progress toward making
London safer



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Treasurer's comments

The Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) is responsible for the finances of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and the accounts therefore record all the expenditure and income of the MPS.

The Mayor and London Assembly set the budget for 2005-06 following the submission of proposals by the MPA. The approved budget provided for net expenditure of £2,733.1 million, funding existing expenditure commitments and a limited list of high priority developments. Savings of over £73 million were identified to balance the budget.

The Authority delegates the management of the budget to the Commissioner, with the Authority monitoring performance on a regular basis.

The Authority receives grants mainly from the Home Office and precept from the Mayor to cover the cost of its operational activities. The result of the expenditure incurred and the income and grants received was that at the end of the year there was a small surplus of £432,000, which was transferred to the general reserve giving a total of £28.8 million. After establishing an Emergencies Contingency Fund of £20.1 million further earmarked revenue reserves were set up totalling £84.9 million.

Capital expenditure for the period was £231.8 million, financed by specific grant, borrowing, capital receipts and revenue contributions. This represented investment mainly in land and buildings (£138.0 million), vehicle, plant and equipment (£45.1 million) and information technology (£48.7 million).

A copy of the full accounts can be downloaded from the MPA Internet website at www.mpa.gov.uk

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How EFFICIENT have we been in managing our resources?

The amount of debt has gone DOWN during the year by 7.9% to £2.46m.



We have IMPROVED the time taken to pay creditors such that the number paid on time increased from 60% at the beginning of the year to 82% at the end of the year.

We have invested our SURPLUS CASH wisely in short-term investments and the interest we received was higher than commercial average.



OUR PRIORITIES

Safer Neighbourhoods
 Counter-terrorism and security
 Information quality and access
 Together
 Criminal networks
 Capital city policing
 Citizen focus

OUR VALUES

"We are one team – we all have a duty to play our part in making London safer"
 "Working together with all our citizens, all our partners, all our colleagues"
 "We will be proud to deliver quality policing. There is no greater priority"
 "We will build trust by listening and responding"
 "We will respect and support each other and work as a team"
 "We will learn from experience and find ways to be even better"

Safer Neighbourhoods

Safer Neighbourhoods teams will positively change the local police service we provide in London.
 Each Neighbourhood will have a dedicated familiar team including a Sergeant, two Constables and three Police Community Support Officers to work with the local community on the crime and quality of life issues that are most important to them.
 The Safer Neighbourhoods team will listen to the needs of local people and work with partner organisations and the community to tackle issues like graffiti, abandoned vehicles, aggressive driving, general anti-social behaviour by young people and other crime that negatively impacts on peoples feelings of safety and security in their neighbourhood.
 By April 2006 we put in place 624 Safer Neighbourhoods teams across London. Recent survey findings have confirmed that Safer Neighbourhoods teams are having a significant impact on their local communities.

How we spent money to achieve our aims and objectives

	2005-06 (£m)	2004-05 (£m)
Police officers pay and related expenses	1,915	1,806
Police staff pay and related expenses	622	538
Premises cost	190	209
Transport cost	62	56
Supplies and service	410	369
Total	3,199	2,978
(Income) less capital charges	(86)	(67)
Net expenditure	3,113	2,911
This money was spent on:-		
Reducing crime	89	89
Investigating crime	1,357	1,099
Promoting public safety	694	507
Assisting the public	503	415
Providing national policing services	452	387
Pensions for officers (included above in 2005-06)	0	396
Other costs	18	18
	3,113	2,911

How well are we doing?

- Crime has fallen by 6.7% since April compared to the same period last year
- Violent crime is down by 4.3%
- 96% of people surveyed say police are helping to improve community relations
- Safer Neighbourhoods teams closed 73 crack houses

Increase in Police Officers and Police Staff numbers

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
POLICE OFFICERS	25,430	26,768	28,477	30,265	31,175	30,871
POLICE STAFF	10,197	10,548	10,958	12,255	13,450	13,769
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS	0	0	513	1,463	2,144	2,308

What ASSETS and LIABILITIES did we have at the end of the year

	2006 (£m)	2005 (£m)
Land and Buildings	1,528.6	1,434.0
Vehicles, Plant & Machinery	164.8	78.9
Computer Software and Licences	10.5	14.4
Work in Progress	139.1	202.4
Museum articles	1.1	1.1
Stock	6.4	6.8
Debtors (Long term, Short term and Investments)	330.8	425.1
TOTAL	2,181.3	2,162.7
LESS Current Liabilities (Creditors, loans provisions and borrowings)	(435.6)	(435.2)
Net Value of MPA	1,745.7	1,727.5