

BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE AUTHORITY

Report to: Strategy, Budget & Performance Monitoring Committee

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Subject: BTPA Budget 2008/09

Sponsor: Chief Executive & Clerk

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For: Decision

1. INTRODUCTION

At its meeting on 12th February 2008, the Strategy, Budget & Performance Monitoring Committee approved the Secretariat' budget, which is recommended for adoption. This paper sets out the BTPA 2008/09 budget.

2. 2007/08 FORECAST

This year's spend against the budget is expected to show an underspend of £33.2k.

3. 2008/09 BUDGET

The budget has been prepared in line with BTP budget increases and has been limited to RPI of 4.1%. The resulting budgeting is shown at Appendix A.

The main movement in the budget compared to last year is in 2007/08 there were one off set up costs for the police officers pension scheme for new entrants (£111.6k). This reduction has been offset by anticipated legal costs relating to the new charges introduced last year. £145k has been set aside as a provision for any future potential legal costs. The key risk in terms of the budget is the disputes arising from the Charges Review. It is impossible to predict how much this will cost in terms of legal fees and consultancy. Some of these costs have fallen due this year and every attempt will be made to recover these costs. The provision for staff costs reflects provision for 2 new Members, temporary assistance in relation to the charges disputes and regradings following a review of the Secretariat structure, and roles and responsibilities of staff.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

- Note the risks posed by the charges disputes for 2007/08 and 2008/09
 - Approve the budget of £1.856m
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Appendix A

	Proposed Budget
	£k
Staff Salaries and expenses	507.5
Member salaries and expenses	317.6
Total Staff costs	825.1
<u>Consultancy costs</u>	
Legal advice	70.0
Legal costs re charges	145.0
Charging model	20.0
Pensions advice	32.5
Pension scheme set up	-
Other	30.8
Total Consultancy costs	298.3
Rent and meeting room costs	116.5
External Audit Fees	160.0
Internal Audit Fees	110.0
HMIC Costs	131.0
Supplies and Services	29.4
Consultation requirement (police plan, strat plan, stakeholder consultation)	64.3
Appeals	30.0
Training and Subscriptions	56.2
Recruitment	35.0
Non Staff Costs	1,030.9
Total Costs	1,856.0