

LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY



Meeting **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

Date **TUESDAY, 24 MARCH 2009 – 10.00 A.M.**

Report of **CHIEF CONSTABLE & TREASURER**

Subject **POLICE USE OF RESOURCES EVALUATION (PURE) 2008/09**

Purpose of Report

1. To update the Committee on progress in providing evidence to respond to the PURE inspection this year.

Background

2. Until this year the PURE process has been based around five themes:
 - Financial Management
 - Financial Standing
 - Internal Control
 - Value for Money
 - Financial Reporting
3. In 2007/08 all five themes scored 3 out of 4 for the first time. In 2006/07 four out of the five scored 3, and in 2005/06 just two out of the five.
4. Score 2 is defined as *"At minimum requirements – adequate performance"*
5. Score 3 is defined as *"Consistently above minimum requirements – performing well"*

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6. For 2008/09 the themes have changed to:
 - Managing Finances
 - Governing the Business
 - Managing Resources (workforce planning for 2009, assets and natural resources in the following two years)
7. The Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE) associated with the themes are more broadly based than previously and embrace wider resource issues such as people and workforce planning, and the use of natural resources. The KLOE focus more on value for money achievements, outputs and outcomes rather than on processes, and are more strategic and less detailed.
8. The results of the PURE exercise for 2008/09 will also feed into the Police Authority Inspection process.

9. A team comprising the Deputy Chief Constable, Finance Director, HR Director, Treasurer and Chief Executive has been working to provide the evidence to support a score of at least 3 to the external auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers.
10. The PURE scores and any associated action plan will be presented later in the year.

Recommendation

11. To note progress in preparing for the PURE inspection for 2008/09.

Implications

Financial: none. Legal: none. Diversity: none. Risk Management: none.

Background Papers

"Use of Resources 2008/09" published by the Audit Commission 2008.

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