



GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

**COMMITTEE:** GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD

**DATE:** 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

**TITLE OF REPORT:** FUNDING FOR MAJOR INCIDENTS

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Grampian Joint Police Board of the responses received from other Scottish Police Authorities and Joint Boards of their views in respect to the establishment of a Scottish wide fund to meet future expenditure of public sector organisations on major incidents.

## **2. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Board consider the responses received and determine any future action on this matter.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Responding to the major incident in the North Sea utilised extensive Grampian Police resources and incurred significant, unanticipated expenditure. Any alternative way of resourcing such incident would have a financial impact on the Force.

## **4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT**

None

## **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

None

## **6. REPORT**

6.1 The Board raised the matter of a Scottish wide fund to support operational police responses to major incidents with the Scottish Government in late 2009. The response received indicated that such costs should continue to be met from within existing resources.

6.2 Following the GJPB Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010, the Depute Clerk wrote to the seven other Police Boards and Authorities in Scotland in a letter dated 26 June 2010 seeking the views of each Board / Authority towards the GJPB proposal that a Scottish wide fund (similar to that

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available to local authorities) be established to support all police forces involved in responding to future major incidents.

- 6.3 The Board indicated previously if sufficient support from other Joint Boards and Police Authorities was received then the Board would raise this matter with the Scottish Government once again.
- 6.4 To date, responses have been received from Fife Police Authority, Lothian & Borders Police Board, Northern Joint Police Board and Tayside Joint Police Board.
- 6.5 Fife Police Authority advised that the item was withdrawn from its meeting agenda given the lack of time for discussion and the lack of support from Members for endorsing the GJPB proposal.
- 6.6 Lothian & Borders Police Board responded that the item was considered on 30 August 2010, when the Board resolved to decline the request to support GJPB in proposing to the Scottish Government that a Scottish wide fund be established for expenditure incurred on major incidents. The outcome was reached after the Board took account of the current challenging financial climate and existing 'ad-hoc' arrangements which exist to provide assistance in exceptional circumstances.
- 6.7 Northern Joint Police Board considered the GJPB proposal and agreed that it did not feel able to support the proposal at this time.
- 6.8 Tayside Joint Police Board considered that it would be appropriate to raise the GJPB proposal with the Scottish Police Board given its relevance to all police authorities in Scotland.
- 6.9 There is no consensus from the responses received that support the proposal of GJPB for a Scottish wide fund to be established.
- 6.10 The Grampian Joint Police Board require to consider any further action it wishes to take on this matter.

## **7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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