



**Report for Councillor John Smith, Bury**  
**Greater Manchester Police Authority**  
**July, 2012**

The purpose of this report is to inform colleagues of major issues relating to the Police Authority.

**Budget 2012/13**

In February, GMPA Members agreed a budget for 2012/13 that continues to support operational and neighbourhood policing and freezes the police portion of council tax. The amount allocated for policing in Greater Manchester during the next financial year is more than £560M. This includes council tax contributions equivalent to £144.33 per Band D household, which is the same as the previous year.

This budget for 2012/13 will not only allow GMPA and GMP to continue to drive savings, but it also protects local policing, with the investment in additional police staff posts to support neighbourhood and operational policing and the recruitment of 150 new police officers over the next three years.

The council tax freeze grant provides the Authority with an additional £3.5M grant from the Government.

This is the last budget to be approved by Greater Manchester Police Authority, which will be replaced by a police and crime commissioner in November 2012.

The budget is set following consultation with local residents and businesses, the Force, local authority leaders, local councillors and Greater Manchester MPs.

**Back office review – phase 2**

Greater Manchester Police Authority has approved the issuing of 26 redundancy notices to Greater Manchester Police staff.

The decision was made at a meeting of the full Authority on Monday 30 April 2012 following a report from Greater Manchester Police outlining the outcomes following the statutory 90 day consultation period of the second review of the back office.

This review, which encompasses roles at GMP's Headquarters, involves the reduction of 71 police staff posts and seven police officers posts.

Twenty-six police staff are now at risk of compulsory redundancy. With 76 vacancies across the Force, plus vacant call handler, radio operator and PCSO posts, every effort will be made to redeploy staff before the end of the three month notice period.



The seven police officers affected by the review will be redeployed to other roles.

### **New Greater Manchester Police Force Headquarters**

The communities of Greater Manchester came together on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 to welcome Greater Manchester Police into their new home.

Faith leaders, local councillors, representatives from partner agencies and members of the local community are among more than 100 people who celebrated the official opening of the new Force Headquarters at Central Park in Newton Heath.

Local school children lead the celebration with a performance by pupils from St Edmund's RC Primary School in Miles Platting, welcoming Greater Manchester Police to their community.

Speeches from Cllr Paul Murphy, GMPA Chairman, and Chief Constable Peter Fahy, were followed by a presentation by primary school pupils from across the region.

Children from ten schools, representing each of the ten boroughs of Greater Manchester, presented Cllr Murphy and the Chief Constable with a piece of artwork inspired by community, faith and policing. When put together, the ten pieces formed a map of Greater Manchester. Pupils from Bury and Whitefield Jewish Primary School represented Bury.