



# Dorset Police

## Record 1

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- The cost of public consultations on the possible merger of Devon and Cornwall and Dorset Police forces, in each of the last five years.

The table below show the TOTAL spend in relation to the merger programme

Authority	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan) (£)	Total (£)
Devon & Cornwall Police	21,834	240,525	262,359
Dorset Police	9,357	103,082	112,439
Devon & Cornwall Police & Crime Commissioners Office	0	2,000	2,000
Dorset Police & Crime Commissioners Office	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,191</b>	<b>345,607</b>	<b>376,798</b>

- The cost of any other expenditure directly related to the possible merger, in each of the last five years. Please could you give me a break down of what the expenses are by category (eg travel costs, hotel stay costs, hospitality costs, extra administration related to the merger, any extra staff taken on to explore the possible merger etc).

Cost Centre	2017/18 (£)	2018/19 (to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan) (£)	Total (£)
Police Staff Costs	0	53,717	53,717
Temporary or Agency Staff	0	22,693	22,693
Transport Related Expenditure	414	1,961	2,375
Consultant Fees	57,713	132,711	190,424
Hardware	0	3,992	3,992
Equipment & Advertising	153	26,271	26,424
Legal Costs	3,538	2,425	5,963
Other	241	2,240	2,481
Government Funding	-50,000	0	-50,000
Police Officer Pay	19,132	99,597	118,729
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,191</b>	<b>345,607</b>	<b>376,798</b>

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- **What was the division of expenditure between the different forces and crime commissioners, and how was this agreed?**

See first table

- **Was expenditure on merger consultations in line with expectations?**

No budget was set for 2017/18 but the expenditure for 2018/19 was £44,331 above the allocated budget

- **If not and it was less, where has the remaining money been allocated?**

Not applicable

- **If not and it was more, where has the extra money come from to pay for it?**

Reserves

- **A breakdown of how the consultation(s) was/were done and the cost of each aspect (eg by phone, 1-2-1, form filling, social media – Facebook/Twitter etc).**

<https://www.futurepolicing.co.uk/media/2409/devon-cornwall-police-and-dorset-police-merger-survey-report-26-november-2018.pdf>

- **Did you, the Crime Commissioners for each of the two counties and Dorset Police all ask the same questions in consultations?**

Yes

- **How many people were consulted, and what were their age groups/sexes?**

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