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TITLE **Final Police Settlement 2016-17**
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Further to my announcement of the Revised Police Settlement in February, I am today laying the Local Government Finance Report (No 2) 2016-17 Final Settlement – Police and Crime Commissioners. This sets out the Welsh Government's component of the Final Police Settlement for police forces in Wales for 2016-17. This follows the completion of the budget scrutiny process and the publication of the Final Budget for Wales.

Police Forces in Wales are funded through joint arrangements with the Home Office via a common needs-based formula. As announced in the Revised Police Settlement, the Home Office has overlaid its needs-based formula with a floor mechanism. Under these arrangements, every police force in England and Wales will see a percentage reduction of 0.6% in its general grant funding for 2016-17 when compared with 2015-16.

The figures are summarised in Tables 1 to 3 of this Statement. Total revenue support for Welsh police forces in 2016-17 is £355 million. Of this, the Welsh Government is providing £136.8 million as Unhypothecated Revenue Support Grant and Non-Domestic Rates. The figures are unchanged from the Provisional Settlement. The Report is scheduled for debate in the Assembly on 9 March.

The information is also published on the Welsh Government's website at:

<http://gov.wales/topics/localgovernment/finandfunding/policesettlement/police-settlement-2016-17/?lang=en>

Police Revenue Funding

Table 1: Aggregate External Finance (RSG+NNDR, £m)

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Dyfed-Powys	14.976	13.640	12.788	12.895
Gwent	32.251	30.674	29.696	30.107
North Wales	23.944	22.328	21.308	21.578
South Wales	76.630	73.357	71.218	72.177
Total	147.800	140.000	135.010	136.757

Table 2: Police Grant and Floor Funding (£m)²

	2013-14 ¹	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Dyfed-Powys	40.684	39.367	37.511	37.117
Gwent	48.437	46.169	43.220	42.393
North Wales	57.015	54.774	51.854	51.167
South Wales	101.035	95.843	89.338	87.463
Total	247.171	236.153	221.923	218.140

Table 3: Total Central Support (£m)

	2013-14 ¹	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
Dyfed-Powys	55.659	53.008	50.299	50.012
Gwent	80.687	76.843	72.917	72.501
North Wales	80.959	77.102	73.162	72.745
South Wales	177.665	169.201	160.555	159.639
Total	394.971	376.153	356.933	354.897

Notes:

¹ 2013-14 figures adjusted for transfers into the settlement

² This is the amount of police grant set out in section 3 of the Police Grant Report which includes the allocation under 'Principal Formula' and 'Add Rule 1' (columns a and b) plus the amount 'floor funding' that the Home Office has made available.