

BASIC COMMAND UNIT (BCU) FUND

1. Members of the Partnership will recall that in recent years the BCU Fund of £157k has made up about 40% of the funding directly available to the Partnership and spent according to our annual Partnership Investment Plan.
2. The latest information available for 2008/09 is that there has been a 20% cut in the BCU Fund nationally. On the assumption that this is applied equally to all BCUs, we would lose about £31k.
3. Ways of dealing with this reduction, including the possibility of substituting other funding, are being explored, and a proposed Partnership Investment Plan for 2008/09 will be presented to the next meeting of the Partnership, on 18 March, for approval.