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PUBLIC EXPENDITURE: LOCAL AUTHORITY MANPOWER

Note by the Chief Secretary, Treasury

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1. I circulate the attached tables as background to C(80) 3, as foreshadowed in paragraph 9 of that paper.
2. They show the effect on local authority current expenditure and on local authority manpower of our existing plans, including the reductions in specific programmes recorded in C(80) 3 as agreed. They do not include the additional percentage reductions proposed by the Secretary of State for the Environment (paragraph 8 of C(80) 3).

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MANPOWER IMPLICATIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY CURRENT EXPENDITURE PLANS SO FAR, ENGLAND AND WALES (1)

thousands

	1978-79 Baseline '000s	1980-81 change on '000s 1978-79	1981-82 change on '000s 1978-79	1982-83 change on '000s 1978-79	1983-84 change on '000s 1978-79
(2) Education and Science - teachers	{569.3	{550 -3.3%	{540 -5.1%	{530 -6.9%	{510 -10.4%
(3) - other	{427.2	{390 -8.7%	{380 -11.0%	{370 -13.4%	{360 -15.7%
(4) Arts and Libraries	32.9	30 -8.8%	28 -13.6%	28 -16.1%	27 -17.9%
Local Environmental services	421.6	415 -1.7%	407 -3.4%	400 -5.2%	400 -5.2%
Law, Order and Protective					
(5) Services - police	{149.5	{160 +7.2%	{162 +8.4%	{164 +9.7%	{166 +11.0%
(6) - other (incl fire)	{75.1	{74 -1.5%	{74 -1.5%	{74 -1.5%	{74 -1.5%
(7) Personal Social Services	203.0	194 -4.4%	198 -2.5%	202 -0.5%	207 +1.9%
(8) Transport	86.1	82 -4.8%	80 -7.1%	78 -9.4%	78 -9.4%
Other programmes	13.6	13 -7.4%	12 -9.6%	12 -10.3%	12 -10.3%
TOTAL	1978	1908 -3.5%	1881 -4.9%	1858 -6.1%	1834 -7.3%

- (1) Derived from Joint Manpower Watch - includes only employees paid out of current expenditure ranking for PES purposes.
- (2) Pupil/teacher ratio steady at 78/79 value
- (3) 20% drop in school meals staff by end 80/81, slow decline thereafter.
- (4) These cuts already require deterioration in library services.
- (5) Priority for police, but deterioration in cadet numbers.
- (6) Standard of fire service declines.
- (7) 2% growth from 80/81 base because of demographic trend.
- (8) 25% cut in administration, maintenance unaffected.

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Local authority current expenditure in England and Wales, PES definition

£m 1979 Survey prices

	1978-79 baseline		1980-81 £m change on 1978-79	1981-82 £m change on 1978-79	1982-83 £m change on 1978-79	1983-84 £m change on 1978-79
Education and Science	6665		6472 - 2.9%	6343 - 4.8%	6250 - 6.2%	6099 - 8.5%
Arts and Libraries	219		197 -10.0%	189 -13.7%	185 -15.5%	185 -15.5%
Local Environ- mental Services	1481		1422 - 4.0%	1362 - 7.5%	1336 - 9.4%	1336 - 9.4%
Law, Order and Protective Services	1573		1699 + 8.0%	1718 +10.2%	1739 +12.1%	1761 +13.7%
Personal Social Services	1123		1057 - 5.9%	1079 - 3.9%	1102 - 1.9%	1126 + 0.2%
Transport	1034		966 - 6.6%	925 -10.5%	889 -14.0%	895 -13.4%
Other Programmes	184		201 + 9.2%	199 + 8.2%	197 + 7.1%	197 + 7.1%
Total excluding housing	12279		12014 - 2.2%	11816 - 3.8%	11698 - 4.7%	11598 - 5.5%

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