

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title Estate Disposal Programme - Banstead Police Station
Decision number: 057/2014
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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary:

Following a review of the police station disposal policy initiated by the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) upon taking office, it was agreed in October 2013 to continue with the sale of six police stations. Banstead Police Station is currently among those earmarked for disposal. The Neighbourhood Policing Team would be relocated to alternative premises.

Proposal

Following recent discussions with Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service and Surrey Police, it is suggested that Banstead Police Station is retained for use by the Banstead Neighbourhood Team, with surplus space being leased to Surrey Fire & Rescue Service for use as a fire station.

Financial Implications

Both the anticipated capital receipt from the sale of Banstead Police Station and net revenue savings had been built into financial projections. However, due to the success of the estate rationalisation programme, capital balances are healthy and it is recommended that retaining the asset is the more attractive option at the moment. If in the future either party wish to terminate the lease then the site could be re-marketed. The proposed lease terms will result in an overall net revenue income for the PCC.

Surrey County Council's Cabinet and Finance Board have approved the proposed temporary fire station at Banstead Police Station.

The PCC has been provided with more details in respect of the lease terms and anticipated cost/savings.

Operational Benefit

Surrey Police has confirmed that the site lends itself well to a dual purpose facility with the Fire & Rescue Service. The proposal also supports the wider, blue-light collaboration agenda.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Banstead Police Station is withdrawn from the disposal programme.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:

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Date: 28/04/2014

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The PCC has consulted Force estates colleagues as well as his Chief Finance Officer.

Financial implications

The decision to continue police station sales will generate capital receipts and revenue savings and the financial implications have been built into the Medium Term Financial Plan. Figures are commercially sensitive and cannot be published.

Legal

Solicitors will be appointed to act in the interests of the PCC in relation to estate sales.

Risks

None arising.

Equality and diversity

No implications.

Risks to human rights

No risks.