

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Estate Disposal Policy Review
Decision number: 141/2016
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Executive Summary:

Over the past five years, Surrey Police has implemented a comprehensive estate restructure and rationalisation programme. This has seen the co-location of local police teams with community safety partners in council offices and the consolidation of other teams into core sites. Twenty operational buildings have already been sold with a further four either vacant or planned to be released for disposal. The programme is entering its final stages and to date has generated over £24m in capital receipts and net ongoing revenue savings of £1.1m per annum.

With regard to non-operational estate, police houses are disposed of as they become vacant. Around 40 houses remain in the PCC's ownership. However, the Force has recently launched a scheme whereby former section houses are let to police officers and staff through a housing association. There is an opportunity, dependent on its initial success, to extend this scheme to other police properties in order to retain assets and generate income. This is currently being explored.

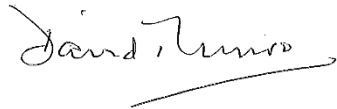
Surrey Police is currently drawing up an Estate Strategy for the next 10 years. This work, together with the changing economic climate, has led the PCC to conclude that the current policy on estate disposal should be reviewed to ensure we are making best use of our remaining assets. For the time being, it is suggested that future disposals are looked at on a case-by-case basis, in consultation with the PCC. It is recognised that there could be a possible implication on the Force's medium term financial plan given that the capital budget is in part funded by receipts from estate disposals.

Recommendation

- (i) That the policy of disposal for police estate is reviewed as part of on-going work on the Force's Estate Strategy; and
- (ii) That, until a revised proposal for future disposals is agreed, individual properties are considered on a case-by case in consultation with the PCC.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):



Signature:

Date: 25/07/2016

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

This has been discussed with the Force and OPCC Chief Finance Officers and Estate Strategy Manager.

Financial implications

There could be an implication for funding of the Force's capital programme, yet to be determined. If all sales proceed, the existing policy is set to achieve net capital receipts of over £29m and revenue savings of £1.2m per annum.

Legal

No legal issues arise.

Risks

None identified.

Equality and diversity

None.