



Police and Crime Panel Meeting
1 July 2016
Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner

UPDATE REPORT ON THE ESTATES PROGRAMME

As part of her commitment to better connect the Police with local communities, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is now reviewing how the police estate should be planned. The PCC wishes to engage with the police, partners and the public to understand how physical locations can be effective in enabling police operations but also connecting the police to the public and local partners. Over the next 6 months, an operational review of police bases is to be undertaken and this will identify Force priorities. It is anticipated that a revision to the estate strategy will follow at the close of 2016, leading to the production of a new Estate programme.

Therefore, the further re-provisioning of police stations has been placed on hold for the moment. A presentation took place in May to inform the new PCC of the estate challenges and opportunities. The PCC is visiting all stations involved in the re-provisioning proposals to talk to the staff, police officers and the local community, which will inform her understanding of the local impact and how future access by the public can be improved.

However, this review will not impede essential urgent decisions from being made in the meantime. In particular, the PCC is awaiting information on estate requirements in Exeter to enable her to make a decision on how to accommodate policing functions currently located within Heavitree Police Station. Other estates activity includes:

- ❖ The Terms of Reference for a review of the Estate Strategy for Middlemoor HQ are under development for consideration by the Force and OPCC. This work will then be used to update the Middlemoor regeneration programme. The review will consider partnership work with fire, estate opportunities through the Alliance with Dorset and the impact of future regional working in the police. This work is expected to be completed in July 2016.
- ❖ The Barnstaple police station alterations and refurbishment has been tendered. This project is required as the lease for the West Pilton base is due to end in 2017. A review of fleet is being undertaken as parking for operational vehicles at Barnstaple is tight.
- ❖ The Liskeard Tri-service hub project with Cornwall Council, Cornwall Fire & SW Ambulance is unlikely to receive One Public Estate grant funding and therefore alternative proposals are currently under consideration.
- ❖ The business case for the Camborne police station refurbishment and relocation of operational functions based at Treswithian, is on hold due to emerging interdependencies with the Strategic Alliance review of Custody provision in

Cornwall. Essential welfare improvements at Camborne are currently under consideration.

- ❖ The Plympton workshop relocation to Plymouth City Council Prince Rock depot facility is considered unviable. A partnering relocation with Devon Somerset Fire & Rescue Service and Plymouth City Council is being explored. The potential to improve accommodation at Crownhill will be reassessed.
- ❖ The Strategic Alliance review of estate functions has seen further meetings take place to gather information and consider options and progress is being made towards production of a full business case. We are considering options for Cabinet Office grant funding to explore a Place Partnership model (which is a special property vehicle that delivers estate services). The business case will report in November 2016.
- ❖ The sale of part of the Middlemoor site to Morrisons is ongoing and is the subject of legal negotiations which are currently expected to report in July 2016.
- ❖ Work is on-going with local partners to explore how the development of surplus sites can be used for commercial projects or local housing developments for sale.

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