



WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG RESPONSE TO REQUEST

Reference: 2017 – 146

Date of response 15th August 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST.

FOI Query.

I am writing to you requesting that you do the right thing and reconsider your decision to dispose of AB 1.

As a matter of transparency I, like others who have previously written to you In respect of this issue, would like to receive your response to the following which you should treat as a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. Who was consulted with before the decision was made?
2. What is the legal advice that provides you with the reassurance that West Mercia own the right to sell? Agreement of agency who gifted it e.g. DVLA?
3. What research has been done on the historical facts which you say you have great respect for?
4. Has the Registered # been placed at an auctioneers and if so who and where. Has it been valued by independent accessors?
5. What value do you feel the plate has and how do you ensure it remains with the people of Worcestershire?
6. If you go through with the sale of this asset, how exactly will the funds be used. The use of "to support front line policing" is nebulous and the community deserves a more detailed explanation.

Response.

1. Discussions were held between the PCC and Chief Officers.
2. The information regarding legal advice and agreement of agency is set out in Decision Notice No. 8 which is available to view on the PCC Website (see link below).

3. Research has been done on historical facts which are summarised in Decision Notice No.8 which is available to view on the PCC Website (see link below).
4. The registration was placed with Brightwells Auctioneers as the Force uses them to sell other force assets. Brightwells Ltd organised coverage regarding the sale at the Bicester Heritage Museum's Flywheel Festival and at an event at Shelsley Walsh Historic Hillclimb. They promoted it in their Classic and Vintage media and approached clients directly. The VRN was also advertised in the Daily Telegraph and in the Midland Automobile Club (MAC) News booklet. The OPCC proposed a staggered commission for the sale instead of a flat fee to encourage getting the most for the VRN.
5. The registration mark has been valued independently to ensure that any sale is in line with market expectations and to ensure that value of money for local taxpayers is achieved. A press release has been issued which contains the information concerning the buyer who resides in Worcestershire, which is available to view on the PCC Website. (See link below).
6. Precisely how the money will be used will be determined now the amount realised is known. The Commissioner will use the money to deliver services that benefit the local community.

All of the above information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8 and the Press Release which are available to view on the PCC Website. Please see links below:

Decision Notice No. 8

<https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/record-of-decisions-made-during-2017/>

Media Release

<https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/ab1-sold-but-stays-in-west-mercia/>

**FOI Officer
Police and Crime Commissioners Office
West Mercia**

Complaints

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If you think that the Police and Crime Commissioner has failed to supply information in accordance with the publication scheme, then you should write in the first instance, to the:

Chief Executive, OPCC – West Mercia, Hindlip Hall, Worcester. WR3 8SP

The PCC will aim to deal with your complaint within 10 working days. If you are dissatisfied with the response you can ask for the matter to be internally reviewed. Internal reviews will be completed promptly and a response given to you within 20 working days of your further request.

If, after the internal review, you remain dissatisfied, then you can complain to the Information Commissioner (Office of the Information Commissioner), Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF).