



WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG RESPONSE TO REQUEST

Reference: 2017 – 147

Date of response 15th August 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST.

FOI Query

Area requested for Sale of vehicle registration AB1. No details shown on the publication scheme/website.

Questions requiring answering:

1. When was the consideration first raised for the possibility of selling AB1 and by whom. Meetings, minutes, actions.
2. What legal enquiries to validate ownership to sell were made?
3. What research was undertaken to establish the ownership and history of the plate and by whom and to see the document produced to enable this to be used to consider the decision to sell. Any documentation, reports, research, correspondence with DVLA.
4. Request to see the plate registration certificate showing ownership and conditions.
5. Who, when, where the decision to sell was made and the conditions of its sale. Was this date before, on or after the knowledge of public concern was raised?
6. Where it would be offered for sale, confirmation that best return for sale was undertaken, documents showing valuation and potential return.
7. Why was it withdrawn from BrightWell auction rooms and allegedly sold privately.
8. Details of places approached for sale, costs, evaluation.
9. Confirmation whether or not this plate has been sold or not.
10. If sold the exact amount realised.
11. If sold was the purchaser known to or by any member of West Mercia or the PCC office or related agencies.
12. If sold was it sold with conditions it remains in Worcestershire and exhibited on a vehicle used primarily within Worcestershire.
13. If it has been sold full details of who by, when (exact date, time, place, persons present, signatories) where, agreements by relevant committee, force group, financial appraisal agreements, ensure that the best value and realisation for force asset was possible. All this will be dependent upon the agreement by the relevant force committee that they had satisfied themselves that they had the lawful title to sell.
14. Full details of the Chief officer group and particularly the office of the PCC responses to those contacting and making requests for responses following concerns that the sale is believed to be illegal and if not a serious misjudgement by the PCC.

15. If the decision was to sell, full details of all consultation engaged in to ensure that the Chief Officers and PCC office have undertaken their responsibilities to develop and improve community relations, maximise financial returns for the force and delivery quality services to the communities the PCC s elected as a servant to represent.
16. If sold details of the money realised and breakdown of its intended use.
17. Confirmation of any press releases provided to any type of media including social media. What was the communications strategy?
18. Confirmation and copies of the risk assessment and community impact assessment carried out and used as part of the decision log.

Response.

1. Consideration was formally raised between the PCC and the former Chief Constable in 2016 and then the Head of Transport was notified by the PCC on 22nd May 2017 of his intention to sell the VRN.
2. This information regarding legal enquiries to validate ownership are contained within 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 set out in Decision Notice No.8 which is available to view on the PCC Website (see link below). Discussions are subject to legal professional privileges under Section 42(1) and (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
4. Attached is a copy of the Retention Document for AB1, some of the sensitive information has been redacted to prevent the document from being copied and misused by someone else, bearing in mind it is now publicly available.



AB1 Retention
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5. This information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8. (See link below).
6. 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. The documents showing valuation and potential return are not disclosable as they would prejudice the commercial interest of Brightwells under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
7. The VRN was withdrawn from sale by the Commissioner, and the Head of Transport Services was notified of this on 18th July 2017. This information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8.
8. Please see response provided to Question No. 6.

9. This information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8. (See link below).
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11. The response to this question is contained within the press release, which is available on the web site. (See link below).
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13. This information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8. (See link below).
14. The information requested is of a personal nature and therefore not available under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 as it contravenes Data Protection except for those contained under the FOI requests detailed on the PCC Website.
15. This information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8. (See link below).
16. This information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8. (See link below). Precisely how the money used will be determined now amount realised is known.
17. All press releases relating to the sale are held on the PCC Website (see link below). A statement was posted on the West Mercia Police Facebook account on 18th July.

“The Police and Crime Commissioner has decided to market the registration number ‘AB1’. The number plate has been on retention for a number of years and has not been used by West Mercia Police. Any sale proceeds will be used to support policing in West Mercia”.

18. This information is contained within Decision Notice No. 8. (See link 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**

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

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