



WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG RESPONSE TO REQUEST

Reference: 2018 – 178/WE0850

Date of response: 7th November 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Freedom of Information Request.

Dear West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner,

On the 9th October 2018 it was released that you and the Chief Constable have informed Warwickshire Police & PCC that the strategic alliance was ending and gave appropriate notice thereof. Please can you provide the following;

- 1) A copy of any final report from your office to the Chief Constable of West Mercia around the decision to withdraw from the alliance, report to include analysis of risks vs. benefits etc.
- 2) A copy of any internal communication between your office and the Chief Constable surrounding the separation decision being made in the week leading to the 9th October 2018
- 3) A copy of any internal communication between your office, the PCC for Warwickshire Police and the two respective Chief Constables in the week leading to the 9th October 2018 and the immediate day after.
- 4) A financial estimate of the cost to separate the alliance, ie the cost to West Mercia Police for changes to systems, additional staff as a result of leaving the alliance.
- 5) A financial prediction of the proposed savings that withdrawal from the alliance will give to West Mercia police for the next four years, ie what do you believe that you will save.

Response.

Dear Sir,

Your request for information is currently being considered by the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner. The information is in part, subject to the below exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as follows:

Section 30 (a) and (b) (law enforcement).

This exemption requires the Commissioner to consider whether or not it is in the public interest to release the information. The public interest is currently being assessed and in such circumstances the Commissioner is permitted to extend the 20 working day time limit set out in the Act by a reasonable timescale.

We estimate that a decision as to whether or not it is in the public interest to release the information will be made by 21st November 2018 and will write to you as soon as possible thereafter advising you of the Commissioner's decision. If this timescale needs to be further revised you will be advised as to the reasons for the delay and provided with a revised timescale.

If you have any queries, or should you wish to make a complaint about the manner in which your request is being dealt with, then please do not hesitate to contact us at the address below in the first instance. Any complaints will be dealt with under the Commissioner's internal review process.

Further information about your rights under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office (0303 123 1113) or www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

Complaints

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).