



WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG RESPONSE TO REQUEST

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Date of response: 9th November 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Freedom of Information Request.

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request the following information,

- What is the estimated cost of ending the alliance between West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police? NOTE: This should include any estimated costs that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner has knowledge of, as of today
- Since the alliance formed, that has been the financial cost of setting it up?
- Since the alliance formed, what is the estimated financial saving made by West Mercia Police?
- How many staff are currently employed by West Mercia Police?
- What is the estimated number of jobs (i.e. posts) that might have to go once the alliance with Warwickshire Police ends?

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).