



## WEST MERCIA PCC: DISCLOSURE LOG RESPONSE TO REQUEST

**Reference: 2018 – 178/WE0858**  
**Date of response: 21<sup>st</sup> 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, what 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,

Please see the below response to your request.

We are unable to provide a response to the first point as we do not hold any specific information. There is currently no total estimated cost for ending the two force alliance. There has been some work done to ascertain what should be included for day to day running costs, revenue and budget and one-off costs such as capital investment. But work is still ongoing in relation to other business areas that will take significant research for example separating out the ICT infrastructure.

It is anticipated that two separate project teams, one for each force, is to review modelling and costing options for each force post October 2019 and this will provide the Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables choices to negotiate on and decide between. The chosen option will dictate the budget and costs to be incurred.

The response to the second point of your request is that no specific recorded information is held. The cost of setting up the alliance has not been recorded separately.

The estimated financial saving made by West Mercia Police was £25,456M.

The number of officers and staff currently employed by West Mercia Police is 1625.

In response to the final point you raise, at this time there are no plans to lose Police officers or Police staff as a consequence of the announcement.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the information provided is as accurate as possible.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please write to the Information Compliance Unit; Information Compliance Unit, PO Box 55, Worcester, WR3 8SP. Email: [information@westmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:information@westmercia.pnn.police.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).