

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
WEST MERCIA**



**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE**

Evesham Police Station – Lease of Part to Department of Work and Pensions

Ref: PCC/D/2019/06

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Part of the former Police Station and Magistrates Court at Evesham had been leased to Wychavon District Council, who had sub-let to the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). Wychavon District Council are surrendering their lease, and the proposal is to re-let the same part of the premises to the DWP directly. The terms are broadly as for the previous lease, with no increase in cost for the DWP but a modest increase in revenue to the Police and Crime Commissioner arising from the rent increasing in line with retail price index.

**PROPOSAL**

This proposal is to lease for a term of 18 months with a mutual break clause after 12 months.

**APPROVAL OF  
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed

## **PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES**

### **SUPPORTING REPORT**

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Minor works are required to allow for continued occupation of the space by DWP.

The benefit is that income is retained on a property that would have otherwise been void and would have had all the associated void costs.

This provides DWP with more time to source suitable accommodation in Evesham, to purchase, renovate and make a fully functional space should they wish.

It also provides a continued opportunity for public sector bodies to work in collaboration where both parties gain a benefit.

### **FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

The small financial cost will be recouped with 2 months from the rent received.

All service charge costs will be paid for in full by DWP including any additional security arrangements.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

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**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Signature ..... *Andy Chapman* ..... Date 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

