

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
WEST MERCIA**



**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE**

Stourport County Buildings – Licence for Firearms Search and Rescue Function

Ref: PCC/D/2019/36

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

West Mercia Police's Firearms Search and Rescue function have been informed that they are no longer able to use the current facility at Malvern Technology Centre. A site search has identified that West Mercia Police could cost-effectively rent out space at Stourport County Buildings for this function, which enables the Search and Rescue Team to have a base for essential training.

**PROPOSAL**

This proposal is for a licence for use of Stourport County Buildings for the Firearms Search and Rescue function to start from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**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**

West Mercia Police have been informed that the current facility at Malvern Technology Centre is no longer available for them to use for their Firearms Search and Rescue function. Options have been reviewed as to alternatives and the optimal solution identified in terms of costs and location is to rent space at Stourport County Buildings from Worcestershire County Council. This was the former Safer Neighbourhood Office.

The Firearms Team have viewed the premises and have made it clear that for the Search and Rescue functions only, this building would be ideal

Discussions have been held with Worcestershire County Council to discuss what arrangement could be made and a license has been proposed.

This would allow the Search and Rescue element of the Firearms team to proceed here with security of use until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, where the future of the entire complex is up for review.

### **FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

It has been proposed that West Mercia Police pay a small amount towards lighting and a generator. This would mean a financial contribution paid to Worcestershire County Council of a maximum of £7,500 p.a., plus one-off legal costs of £500

This would enable the Firearms Team to arrange a number of training sessions without having to pay a daily hire rate of up to £3,000

### **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 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019