POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST MERCIA

RECORD OF DECISION



TITLE: Sale of Land Adjacent to Oswestry Police Station

Ref: PCC/D/2020/14

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Terms have been agreed for the sale of a narrow strip of land, 2 meters wide to the owner of the adjacent address at number 3 Police Houses, adjacent to Oswestry Police Station. The purchaser will pay £3,000 plus WMPCC legal costs and erect a suitable close boarded fence at the purchaser's cost.

The Police and Crime Commissioner has disclosed an interest of a political association with the proposed purchaser of the strip of land and consequently has played and can play no part in any decision making. Under the Corporate Governance Framework authority for resolving this therefore rests with the Chief Executive.

PROPOSAL

That the 2m strip of land is sold for £3,000

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That the purchaser will pay the reasonable legal costs of the PCC and erect a suitable close boarded fence on the new boundary at the purchasers cost.

APPROVAL OF

West Mercia Chief Executive on behalf of Police and Crime Commissioner I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed

PART 1 - NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES

SUPPORTING REPORT

It is proposed that the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner agrees to the sale of a 2 meter wide strip of land on the boundary of Oswestry Police Station, shown on the attached plan, to the owner of an adjacent property at 3 Police Houses, Oswestry. The total area is approximately $34m^2$ and will provide access to a proposed two storey extension (subject to planning consent) and additional garden land to the rear. After negotiations, the price agreed, subject to contract and formal approval by West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner is the sum of £3,000. In the opinion of Place Partnership this is a reasonable sum in all the circumstances.

In summary this is a small transaction which does not, in Place Partnership's opinion, affect the retained land and buildings comprising the Oswestry Police Station. The price paid is in line with market expectations and it is recommended for acceptance.

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

Sale of land generating a capital receipt of £3,000.

All other associated costs will be borne by the purchaser.

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

Assistant Chief Executive Officer

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Date 1st June 2020