

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE: Lease of accommodation for operational purposes**

Ref: PCC/D/2020/22

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Operation Lincoln is the investigation into Maternity Services at Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital Trust. This is going to be a long running, large scale major investigation. Due to the scale of the investigation the number of officers and staff involved is expected to increase as key lines of enquiry are developed.

In order to facilitate the deployment of such a significant number of staff, suitable accommodation is required. It is essential that a main site (incident room) is identified with good transport links to allow both staff to be attracted to the location, but just as importantly to ensure travelling time for the purpose of enquiries is manageable. The central team are currently temporarily housed in a classroom at Hindlip which does not meet the needs of the Operation and will impede on training arrangements in the longer term.

Enquiries to date have failed to identify a suitable location within the police estate. Suitable accommodation outside the police estate has been identified.

The proposal is aligned to and should be read in conjunction with a bid for a Special Grant to fund the investigation.

**PROPOSAL**

To lease the accommodation identified to provide suitable accommodation for Operation Lincoln.

**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**

The requirements and detailed proposal are operationally sensitive. All necessary information is contained within the Part 2 Report.

### **FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

Costs will be covered by the Special Grant, should it be successful. If for any reason the Special Grant funding is not secured, the lease will still be required and costs would have to be funded from reserves.

Costs total £151,864 revenue and £20,000 capital in year one, and revenue costs are estimated to total £812,912 over 5 years.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

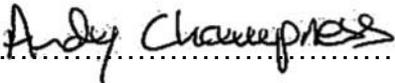
By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and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

### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the West Mercia Commissioner's website. Any facts and advice that should not be made automatically available on request are not included in Part 1 but instead in a separate Part 2 report.

### **OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Signature .....  ..... Date 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020