



RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: Allocation of Recovered Equipment to ROCU

Ref: PCC/D/2022/43

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU) is seeking permission to repurpose a flat screen television, seized as part of a policing operation, for policing purposes.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the Police and Crime Commissioner authorise the use of the television for operational policing purposes.

**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

Following a policing operation in November 2021, police are in possession of a large flat screen television (identified as MJB/1326/191121, PMS CA/035697/21). Relevant individuals connected to the premises concerned have been convicted of an offence and, after serving their sentence, will be subject to deportation proceedings. There are no other individuals with a lawful claim to this property

The Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU) propose to repurpose this television to equip a new briefing/meeting room at one of their operational bases, to enable more effective briefing and training of officers and staff through use of programmes such as Powerpoint. By reallocating the equipment for use in this way, there will be a significant cost saving to police by removing the requirement to purchase a similar item new on the open market.

Section 2 of The Police Property Act (1897), as amended by the Police Property Act (1997) and the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act (2011), provides that where property seized under the Act, other than money, has remained in the possession of the police for over a year, and where police would under the relevant legislation have the right to sell or dispose of the property, the Police and Crime Commissioner can assume ownership and authorise the use of such property for a policing purpose.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

This decision supports the following element(s) of the Safer West Mercia Plan:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Putting Victims and Survivors First | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building a More Secure West Mercia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reforming West Mercia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reassuring West Mercia's Communities |

The decision supports this/ these objective(s) through the following

- Provides equipment to combat serious and organised crime
- Demonstrates to the public that organised criminal activity is being disrupted and equipment believed connected to such criminal activity is being seized and repurposed to keep communities safe from harm.
- Saves public money.

BENEFITS AND THEIR REALISATION

To be delivered by the efficient and effective delivery of operational policing services, by way of improved briefing and training of staff.

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FINANCIAL AND TREASURER COMMENTS

No financial implications from the use of the assets, on the basis of compliance with the relevant legislation for seizure of property.

Ongoing maintenance and repairs to asset is likely to be minimal revenue impact and will be met from current force budgets.

Treasurer

Signature

Date 20/12/2022

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Bull", written over a horizontal dashed line.

Date 21st December 2022