

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date:11/9/23

Officers present:

Received in OPCC Date:11/9/23

OPCC Ref:EXE0035-23

Title: Sale of land – Wigston Police Station

Summary of issue:

Following a recent inspection at Wigston Police Station, it became apparent that part of the Force's land ownership had been fenced off from the main area of our ownership and was now effectively part of the adjoining ownership of the Oadby and Wigston Council's allotment area, as indicated on the attached plan. It is not known how this situation has arisen but it has been like this for a considerable period of time and in no way affects the operation of the station.

However, legal advice was taken in respect of the possible implications of this issue and it was considered that should any accident arise on the land in question, despite the fact that it was in the allotment area, because it was in police ownership, the Force could be held responsible. It was further advised that in order to avoid this possible situation, the freehold interest of the land could be transferred to the Council so that they would then be responsible for any issues arising from the area. The Council, who were then contacted in order to ascertain their possible interest in acquiring the site, advised that they did wish to acquire it as it was effectively already part of their allotment site. Accordingly, it has been provisionally agreed that the Oadby and Wigston Council will acquire the freehold interest in the site for the sum of £1 with each party paying its own legal fees. A condition of the sale is that the land can only be used for allotment purposes. In this way, should the allotment site ever be considered for uses such as commercial or residential, the Council would need to seek the approval of Leicestershire Police for such change for which an appropriate value could be negotiated.

Recommendations presented:

It is recommended that the provisionally agreed terms, as outlined above, for the transfer of the area of land as indicated on the attached plan, at Wigston Police Station, be approved.

Key discussion points at meeting

It was resolved that :

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature

Name **Kira Hughes**

Date **12/9/23**

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that :

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : Yes / Part Redacted / No

Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):

Signature

Name **Andrew Champness**

Date **12/9/23**

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

Supported

Signature Rani Mahal

Date **13/9/23**