

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 10/6/2024

Officers present:

Received in OPCC Date:

OPCC Ref: EXE0017-24

Title: Beat office - Uppingham

### Summary of Issue

We currently have a beat office at the Uppingham Town Council offices for which we pay no rent or other costs but which we funded the construction of in 2011. The Council has now offered us a replacement office within their building but require an annual rental of £1,750.

The proposed replacement office is larger than the current office, is better located within the building and would give a better presence to members of the public.

To date, we have 65 beat offices in the City and Counties, for the greater majority of which we pay either no rent or a nominal contribution towards running costs. The only 2 offices where we do pay rent are those which were replacements for former police stations, being Melton Road and Syston.

In addition, in June of last year, in a similar situation to Uppingham, at Thurnby Lodge, Leicester, where the City Council had offered an improved beat office in the Thurncourt Road Community Centre, it was decided not to proceed with the offer as the Council required a similar rental payment where the existing beat office was at nil rent. The general principle being that rental payment is not made for beat offices unless absolutely necessary, as outlined in the two cases above, as the great majority of host organisations are willing to support local policing in their respective areas.

It should be noted that the Force and COT have considered the offer from the Council and recommend that the request for the larger office is approved.

A decision is now required as to whether we proceed with the Uppingham Town Council offer or remain in our current location.

Update: A lease is now finalised with the Council from 01/08/2022 to 31/07/2027 and officers are in occupation.

### Recommendations presented:

It is recommended that consideration is given to the situation outlined above and officers advised accordingly.

**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 11/06/2024**

**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

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : Yes

**Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**

**Signature**

**Name**      **Claire Trewartha**

**Date 11/6/2024**

**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**     **Rupert Matthews**

**Date** 2/7/2024