

Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Chief Executive

REFERENCE: OPCC.D.018.18

TITLE: Development of Ashford Police Station

OPEN CONFIDENTIAL

Reason if Confidential:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Following a structural survey of Ashford Police Station in early 2017, it was identified that the external concrete cladding needed replacing at significant cost and a decision on the future of the building was required.

Various options were explored and discussed - including renting an alternative site or building a new police station.

Of all the options, the Chief Constable has determined that the most cost-effective and operationally beneficial is to retain the existing Tufton Street site and develop the building to ensure it meets the needs of a modern police force.

RECOMMENDATION

In support of the Chief Constable, the PCC is recommended to release funds from reserves to enable significant improvements to be made to Ashford Police Station, as per the Medium Term Financial Plan.

DECISION

To release funds from reserves to enable Ashford Police Station to be developed and upgraded to meet the future operational needs of Kent Police.

Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: Full costings for the development of Ashford Police station are included within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Signature: 

Date: 24/01/2018

Chief of Staff:

Comments: The Chief Constables decision to retain Ashford Police Station as the operational base for local policing was based on a review of the alternatives, as well as the renovation of the current location. I fully support the decision to renovate Ashford Police Station.

Signature: 

Date: 24/1/2018

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT

Comments:



Signature:

Date: 24 Jan 2018

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Kent Police Business Case

IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Police and Crime Plan
(please indicate which objectives decision/recommendation supports)

Supports delivery of the Safer in Kent Plan by ensuring a local police presence is maintained in Ashford town centre, and Kent Police remains accessible to all communities.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed?

Yes No *(If yes, please include within background documents)*

Will the decision have a differential/adverse impact on any particular diversity strand?
(e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion/belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity)

Yes No
There will be no differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity. In fact, the upgraded building will improve accessibility for a number of diverse groups by providing facilities that fully comply with the Equality Act 2010 and other relevant legislation.