



# THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

## DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC Approval.

**Title:** Review of Policing in 6a Evolution House

**Executive Summary:**

In response to the financial challenges faced by Cleveland Police as a result of the cuts in government funding and to ensure that the best service possible is delivered in the most efficient and effective way a review of the structure of the Force and the Estate that its services are delivered from is being undertaken. Following approval of the Estate Strategy, in which it was outlined that Cleveland Police would seek to ensure full estate utilisation, there are expected to be a number of opportunities to reduce the physical estate from which Cleveland Police operate and to maximise the use of owned assets with a view to making savings on leased properties.

A section of the Professional Standards service is based within 6a Evolution House, a leased property. The lease expires in 2020. It has been agreed to re-locate this team into Ladgate Lane alongside the rest of the Professional Standards Department. The service provided from Evolution House was not public facing.

The Estates team has negotiated an early lease surrender agreement and sourced a third party who was interested in leasing the space Cleveland Police occupied over a longer term than that of the current lease exit date. Realising the commercial benefits the landlord agreed to an early surrender which also included the reduction on submitted dilapidations costs.

**Consultation:**

The Estates team consulted fully with the Head of Professional Standards together with the Force Information Security Manager to ensure that full compliance was met to retain confidentiality of this team and its work.

**Conclusions**

There are operational benefits to the consolidation of the PSD teams in Ladgate Lane and the move also delivers savings and is consistent with the Estates Strategy.

**Decision:**

The PCC is therefore asked to agree to exercise the option to terminate the lease on the building by the 30th May 2014 and the subsequent closure of 6a Evolution House

**Implications:**

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

(If yes please provide further details below)

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

Termination of the lease will provide a saving of £29k per annum. A one off exit cost of £19k is estimated.

Termination of the lease will also mean that the PCC will avoid having to pay approximately £130k over the last remaining 5 years of the lease of this building.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

**Equality and Diversity Implications**

There are no equality or diversity implications in relation to the community with the closure of these premises.

**Human Rights Implications**

There are no human rights implications

**Sustainability Implications**

Professional Standards services will continue to be provided via Ladgate Lane

**Risk Management Implications**

No risks identified

**OFFICER APPROVAL****Chief Executive**

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed: 

Date: 25 May 2014

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS / ~~DOES NOT HAVE~~ my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 23/5/14