



COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

DECISION RECORD

Decision Record Number 43

This document records a decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, together with details of the advice he received prior to taking the decision.

Decision taken

To buy out Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service (HMCTS) leasehold at Towcester. The entire site to be within the freehold control of the OPCC for Northamptonshire without a third party holding tenancy or other rights.

Details of advice taken

HMCTS were appointed a 125 year leasehold of the Court at Towcester during the period when assets within the public sector were reallocated away from Local government. Northamptonshire Police were granted Freehold of the Police station and the Magistrates' court during the same process.

In or around 2012, HMCTS decided to withdraw their services from Towcester town, rationalising this function in Northampton. Northamptonshire Police were offered the opportunity to buyout the lease at this time.

The requirement for a Policing base of the magnitude at Towcester Police Station has steadily diminished, compounded by the introduction of The Service Delivery Model in 2017. From the introduction of the Service delivery Model, Towcester Police Station, would no longer be required.

To rationalise a future sale of the entire site, it was recommended to purchase the remaining leasehold from HMCTS. A capital sum of £50, 000 was agreed along with a percentage of the sale value of the whole site above £350, 000.

The values were negotiated and ratified by building surveyors for both parties.

Martin Scoble

OPCC Chief Executive

27th February 2018END