

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE AND
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NOTICE OF DECISION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Coventry Local Policing Unit (LPU) estates review commenced in Autumn 2013 and following a period of base lining and analysis work, rationalisation proposals were identified with a view to delivering these in a two staged approach. It was identified that the proposals outlined below would need to be subject to a period of on-going engagement, consistent with the Walsall estates review and a final preferred option for stage 1 to be brought back to the Strategic Police and Crime Board for final approval.

An accompanying report is also submitted to give further detail regarding the proposals and engagement.

This paper seeks to obtain approval for disposal of properties in stage 1.

DECISION

The Commissioner approves the disposal of Tile Hill, Radford and George Poole House properties as part of the Coventry LPU estate changes.

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....David Jamieson.....

Date.....9 February 2015.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The Coventry LPU estates review identified a number of key interdependencies with current Strategic Programmes (Front office, Custody), which identified incongruences with the sequencing of decisions. As a result, the proposal is to deliver the estates rationalisation proposal over two stages. This will allow discussions to be held with interdependent stakeholders to confirm operational service delivery models, prior to final options being proposed for the wider LPU estate. The proposals have are submitted as a two staged approach with stage 1 specifically focussed on Radford, Tile Hill and George Poole House; which are smaller buildings or houses that are no longer fit for purpose for delivering an effective policing service. Therefore, following a detailed options appraisal which assessed service delivery, implementation feasibility, risks and timeline the preferred option consists of the following elements:

Stage 1:

- Consolidate Till Hill (into Canley), Radford (into Foleshill and Coventry Central) and exit George Poole House.
- Starting to explore co-location opportunities with West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) for service re-provision of the affected NPTs.

Stage 2:

- Rationalise the LPU Headquarters (Coventry Central): move to a single site for custody; re-provision of the Public Protection Unit; Response; and the administrative functions.
- Explore rationalisation opportunities for Foleshill and Bell Green; with possible re-provision of Radford, Bell Green and Foleshill NPT within WMFS Radford site.

SERVICE RE-PROVISIONING

2. For stage one, the proposed rationalisation of **George Poole House** is a vacant premises and the LPU do not currently have any visible presence within this building.
3. The Woodlands and Whoberley NPT currently parade from the **Tile Hill** sector base, which is actually located within another neighbourhood policing area. The re-provisioning proposal is to move the team across to the Canley Police station, which will have no impact on operational service delivery. The move will place officers at a location that allows better access to both wards, leading to improved visibility within these areas. It also provides improved transport infrastructure access, along with improved facilities for the Officers within Canley Police station.
4. The Holbrooks & Radford NPT and the Sherbourne & Bablake NPT currently parade out of **Radford** sector house. The re-provisioning proposal is to move the Holbrooks & Radford team to Foleshill Police base (2.2 miles away) and the Sherbourne & Bablake NPT to Coventry Central (2.6 miles away). Visibility within the wards will not be impacted by this proposal and will be maintained through the local patrol strategies.
5. The stage one proposals do not have any impact on open front office provisions or affect the Custody delivery model for the Eastern side of the Force.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The preferred option will see a reduction in annual revenue costs of £52,000 and potential capital receipts of £260,000. Any costs associated with stage one disposals will be met from existing devolved budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Schedule of Background Papers

Coventry Estates Update report to the Strategic Policing and Crime Board meeting on 3 February 2015.

Public Access to Information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.