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Date: 17/04/2024

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **26 March** 2024 in which you asked:

'Please can you provide the following information under Freedom of Information rules:

Any costs associated with the legal challenge made by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner in order to oppose the plans to merge the PCC role with that of the regional mayor.

Specifically:

- a) Any known costs relating to that legal challenge.*
- b) Any projected costs relating to that legal challenge.*
- c) Any budgeted costs relating to that legal challenge.*

For the avoidance of doubt, this includes in pre-hearing legal advice, as well as costs directly related to the hearing on March 12, 2024 – such as fees for the application and representation in court.'

In response to your request, I can confirm that this information is exempt by Section 21, as it is easily accessible by other means. As a gesture of goodwill, I have included the following link that you can use to access previous FOI responses, and find the information relating to your request. The responses, named FOI_18-PCC Judicial Review Costs and FOI_25-PCC Judicial Review Costs, can be viewed here, in the 2024 folder: [Published Freedom of Information Documents - West Midlands Police & Crime Commissioner \(westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk/published-freedom-of-information-documents-west-midlands-police-crime-commissioner)

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham

B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060

Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller
Deputy Chief Executive