



**POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER**
for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland
Your Communities - Your Commissioner

Our ref: 0007/22-PB/01421/21

Date: 8 April 2022

Name:
Email:

Dear,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received on 18th March 2022. I note you seek access to the following information:

1 Payments by Leicestershire's OPCC to Mike Veale or any associated entity. This is already partly in the public domain thanks to monthly publication of documents listing spending in excess of £500. However, neither the force nor the OPCC has published documents for the following months: May, June, July, August, September, November of 2021 and February of 2022. I would like to see copies of these payments

2 Expenses claims submitted by Mike Veale or an associated entity, including confirmation of whether they were approved for payment.

3 Reports or briefing documents authored solely or jointly by Mike Veale for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

4 Was the post held by Mr Veale advertised? If so, how many people were interviewed and where and when did these interviews take place?

5 If the post was not advertised, on what criteria was Mr Veale judged and selected for the role?

6 Is he still in post?

7 Is he on a fixed-term contract? If so, when does that contract end?

8 Was the PCC Mr Matthews aware that Mr Veale potentially faced misconduct proceedings when he appointed him?

9 How, where and when did Mr Matthews first become acquainted with Mr Veale?

10 Finally, I would like to request copies of emails, letters, texts or other communications between Mr Matthews and Mr Veale between January and May 2021.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows:

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	£
Feb-22	7936.6
Jan-22	6,746.11
Dec-21	5,158.79
Nov-21	6,746.11
Oct-21	6,547.70
Sep-21	7,539.77
Aug-21	3,571.47
Jul-21	5,952.45
Jun-21	5,158.79
May-21	4,761.96

Section 21 – Information which is reasonably accessible. The information requested is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than by response through Section 1 the Freedom of Information Act 2000. [Expenditure over £500 \(pcc.police.uk\)](https://www.pcc.police.uk)

2 *Expenses claims submitted by Mike Veale or an associated entity, including confirmation of whether they were approved for payment.*

Please see information supplied in 1.

3 *Reports or briefing documents authored solely or jointly by Mike Veale for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.*

In complying with our statutory obligations, we are still undertaking proportionate searches for information in connection to Q3. When these searches conclude the information will be reviewed and disclosed subject to the application of relevant exemptions, as per standard FOI practice. As a result, it is necessary to extend this element of your request and we endeavour to have a response to you within 20 working days from receipt of this letter.

4. *Was the post held by Mr Veale advertised? If so, how many people were interviewed and where and when did these interviews take place?*

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5 *If the post was not advertised, on what criteria was Mr Veale judged and selected for the role?*

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6 *Is he still in post?*

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7 *Is he on a fixed-term contract? If so, when does that contract end?*

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9 *How, where and when did Mr Matthews first become acquainted with Mr Veale?*

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The OPCC only holds data in relation to Mr Matthews The Police and crime Commissioner and Mr Veale from the time they respectively started in their posts.

The Police and Crime Commissioners Office provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Data Protection Officer at the above address or emailed to police.commissioner@leics.police.uk. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Police and Crime Commissioner's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Yours sincerely,

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

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