

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE **DECISION RECORD**

To be completed in cases where a decision is required

DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 20/06/2017

Officers present: Mrs Helen King

Received in OPCC Date:

OPCC Ref: EXE000417

Title: Provision of housing for victims of modern slavery

Summary of Issue:

Victims of Modern Slavery who come to the attention of the police are short term safeguarded and assessed for acceptance into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). There is a short period until NRM safe housing can be arranged and this sometimes results in hotel accommodation being used.

Once accepted into the referral process victims are often relocated quite a distance from Leicestershire. A local facility will allow opportunities for victim statements to be completed by Leicestershire Police before victims are relocated, reducing investigation time and costs in travelling.

Recommendation(s) presented:

The Bishop of Derby had proposed the lease of a residential property for 12 months at a cost of £1 and in addition an estimated £5000 in costs to provide Gas, Electricity, Insurance, IT facilities and general wear and tear costs.

Key discussion points

The benefits of leasing accommodation for the short term provision of housing to victims of modern slavery are:

- Improved victim services and positive experience
- Reduction in police officer abstractions
- A unique facility in the East Midlands

It was resolved that:

- The PCC has entered into an agreement to lease a property from The Bishop of Derby (Chair of the Independent Anti-Slavery Commissioners advisory panel.) at £1 for contractual term of 12 months (from date of lease signature).
- The property will be used exclusively to accommodate and safeguard victims of modern until they are assessed for acceptance into the National Referral Mechanism.
- Leicestershire Police shall inform statutory partners of the new facility.

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in producing this Decision Record which documents the key information in respect of the Force Lease request.

Information has been sought and received from Legal Services and the Force in respect of Chief Officer support, insurance, liability and financial provision. Additionally, responsibilities of the Force and Partner Agencies (e.g. Housing) in securing this provision. It is on the basis of this information that I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature: 

Name: HELEN KING

Date: 20.6.17

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that:

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the report proposing this course of action prepared by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation): None

Signature: 

Name: ANGELA PERRY

Date: 20.6.17

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

Supported

Signature

W. Bates.

Date: 20.6.17