

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Notice of Decision



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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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For Decision or Information	Decision
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TITLE: Relocation of Digital Investigations Unit (DIU) from Holmes House to FHQ.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Digital Investigation Unit (DIU) needs to be relocated to FHQ in order to support a developing infrastructure that will provide security for the digital data being created and stored as a result of 'dead box' examination.
- The department has a bespoke and fairly high maintenance set up, therefore the closest locality possible to the Information Services department and the main force server is required.
- The unit currently resides at Holmes House and the data is not sufficiently safeguarded against loss as there is no backup regime in place. The infrastructure currently in place is struggling to cope with the demands of the increasing data handling and storage requirements placed upon it.
- The IS department have conducted an assessment of the situation and are of the opinion that the only viable solution includes a move to FHQ due to proximity requirement for the force server system and their own physical support network.
- Relocation to FHQ carries with it a number of other ancillary benefits which most notably include placing it closer to the centre of demand generated by the divisions.
- The preferred option is to relocate the DIU to the main building at FHQ, currently used by EMSOU-FS Identifications Bureau. The space will become available once EMSOU-FS relocate to the Arrow Centre.
- The preferred option (over and above the IS costs already budgeted for) requires an estimated facilities budget of **£146,655**

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INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

Capital – Information Services £600,000 (Separate funding request)

Capital – Estates £146,655

Total Capital Required: £746,655

Benefits – Non Cashable:

Better IS Infrastructure to cope with the demands, less risky as will be fully supported with backups

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information?**

Yes

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No

If yes, please state under which category number from the guidance**:

7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

DECISION:

The business case requests the funding to relocate the Digital Investigation Unit to Force Headquarters estimated by Facilities at £146,655,

DECLARATION:

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

The above request has my approval.

Signature:

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

Date:

4/12/14

OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:

Chief Executive

Date:

4/12/14

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