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<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Police and Crime Panel</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> June, 2013</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b>
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## ESTATES RATIONALISATION (PHASES 1 AND 2) - UPDATE

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Police and Crime Panel of the current position with regard to Phases 1 and 2 of the estates rationalisation, which was approved by the former Police Authority in 2011.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the Report.

### 3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Report is for information.

### 4. Summary of Key Points (this should include background information and options appraisal if applicable)

- 4.1 Twelve police bases were identified for decommissioning at a meeting of the Police Authority on 23 March 2011 (referred to as Phase 1). It was agreed that these bases would be decommissioned once a suitable alternative was identified.
- 4.2 At the Police Authority meeting on 12 October 2011 (referred to as Phase 2), it was agreed that a further fourteen police bases be decommissioned (nine of these being replaced by suitable low cost alternative bases).
- 4.3 All of the above proposals have been implemented with the exception of the move from the current Selston Police Station to the proposed new low cost base. It proved extremely difficult to identify a suitable alternative base.

- 4.4 The Police Authority also agreed to the sale of the seven remaining Police Houses and the sale of North Lodge on the edge of the Sherwood Lodge site to the Police Federation.
- 4.5 The current position with regard to the disposal of all of the buildings referred to above is set out in an appendix to this report.
- 4.6 The estate is continuously kept under review and further proposals have been formulated including integrated shared service centres at Beeston with Broxtowe Borough Council and Arnold with Gedling Borough Council. The move to the Council Offices at Beeston took place on 4<sup>th</sup> June and the former Police Station will be placed on the market shortly following the development of a planning brief for the site. Discussions are at an advanced stage with Harworth and Bircotes Town Council to share the Council's premises in Harworth which are excellently located on the main shopping street and we will continue to seek opportunities for further integrated shared service projects in other parts of the County.
- 4.7 Plans have also been formulated to sell Central Police Station in Nottingham and replace it with a smaller, lower cost, better quality and more suitable building elsewhere in the City Centre. A partnership has been formed with the Fire and Rescue Service to jointly market the Central Police and Fire Station sites for redevelopment and a building search is well underway for the replacement building.
- 4.8 The estate will be kept under review and further rationalisation and integrated shared services centres will be pursued, as appropriate when opportunities arise.

## **5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision**

- 5.1 The sale of freehold sites and buildings will generate capital receipts for the Authority as well as reducing annual running costs. Terminating leases will also reduce annual running costs.
- 5.2 Capital receipts from freehold property sales to date total £2,061,950.
- 5.3 Annualised running cost savings from buildings sold/leases terminated to date total £199,395.

## **6. Human Resources Implications**

- 6.1 There are no HR implications arising directly from this Report.

## **7. Equality Implications**

7.1 There are no equality implications arising directly from this Report.

## **8. Risk Management**

8.1 There are no risk management implications arising directly from this Report.

## **9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities**

9.1 This Report links mainly to the strategic Police and Crime Plan priority of “spending your money wisely”.

## **10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations**

10.1 None.

## **11. Details of outcome of consultation**

11.1 Following discussion at the Police Authority Meeting on 27 July 2011 relating to the Phase 2 proposals, the former Police Authority entered into a formal public consultation process involving a range of public meetings and an internet and postcard based Estates Survey. This Survey resulted in 2,897 responses. The consultation closed on 12 September, 2011.

## **12. Appendices**

12.1 Appendix regarding the disposal of surplus Police buildings.

## **13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)**

13.1 Report to Police Authority – 23 March, 2011 – Phase 1 Estates Rationalisation.

13.2 Report to Police Authority – 12 October, 2011 – Phase 2 Estates Rationalisation.