



**AVON &  
SOMERSET  
POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER**

**PCC DECISION**

**REF 2016/029**

**Decision Title: TAUNTON POLICE STATION**

**Decision summary:**

1. To complete negotiations with Taunton Deane Borough Council for the provision of a new police station for Taunton within a completely refurbished Deane House.
2. To commence marketing Taunton Police Station for sale.

The decision was taken to retain our focus on frontline policing, make significant savings and provide better opportunities of working together with the public sector.

**Background or reference to supporting papers:**

The emerging Estates Strategy provides for the disposal of the 5790m<sup>2</sup> Taunton Police Station and the provision of a new neighbourhood, response and Enquiry Office base within a partner organisation.

The rationale for this strategy includes for the disposal of all old oversized, inefficient stations so as to free up capital. Local alternative accommodation solutions should be provided that are smaller and more efficient to run. At the same time preferred locations should be chosen for their operational need and customer focus and supporting police officers working together as one team and where appropriate share space with partners.

Various options have been investigated. Taunton Deane Borough Council is to discuss whether to undertake a major refurbishment of Deane House. On condition that major refurbishment is undertaken the police will be committed to sign up to a lease of circa 600m<sup>2</sup> within Deane House on terms to be agreed.

**Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any declarations of disclosable interest in this matter. Any such interests are disclosed.

*The above request has my approval.*

Date

*Rue Mauntstevens*

**Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset**

**CFO Signatures**

(OCC CFO required if decision requested or presented for approval by Constabulary)

Date

*[Signature]*

**PCC CFO**

*[Signature]*

**OCC CFO**

**Other relevant lead officer as required**

(e.g PCC CEO, COG lead)

Date

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**Job title**

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**name**

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**signature**