

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 626**

### Question:

Please advise what, if any, transparency requirements you require of the police in your area or that you are planning to require. Please include any transparency requirements for the pay, expenses and allowances for the chief constable and other senior officers.

### Answer:

As the information regarding the model publication scheme and annual statement of accounts is already published on the PCC's website then there is no obligation for the PCC's office to supply the information you have requested.

The exemption applicable to this information is Section 21: Information reasonably accessible by other means. This is an absolute and class based exemption and as such does not require a harm and public interest test.

The PCC has a duty to hold the Chief Constable to account regarding the delivery of the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan. The details of pay, expenses and allowances for the Chief Constable and other Senior Officers can be found on the PCC's website and a link is provided below, for ease of reference. Page 27 in the draft 2015/16 for disclosure of information regarding Senior Officers refers:

<http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Openness/How-we-spend-your-money.aspx>

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, this reply represents a Refusal Notice for your request.