

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 636

Questions:

This request relates to the devolvement/delegation from the commissioner to a Police Force and as both organisations are separately constituted it would be a legal requirement to have such procedure (standing orders) in place in order to ensure financial and responsibilities are clearly defined in that transfer.

1. Will the Commissioner provide a copy of these Standing Orders relating to delegation/devolvement (2011-2014).
2. It is understood the Home Office (2014) required certain management changes to take place – has the Commissioner changed that process between the two organisations, if so, can details be provided.

Answer:

The information you have requested is publically available on the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's website. Therefore, the information is exempt under 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.

A web-link to the Scheme of Governance is:

<http://www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/TERM-ONE/Decisions/2014-011-Signed-Governance-Framework.pdf>

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

Please note that the Scheme of Governance is currently being reviewed and will be updated in the next few months.