

Wednesday 17th June 2020
027118/SF

Sent via email [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI814 CON-027118

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 20th May 2020.

Your request:

In accordance with your Freedom of Information responsibilities, I am writing to formally request that you supply me with copies of all correspondence between the PCC, the Chief Constable and Mr John Smith covering the dates from the 1st October 2019 until today.

I would be grateful if this were to include all written and electronic communications including email, text and message services such as WhatsApp relating to the following:

- a) The appointment of a Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset.
- b) The Business Case for the above.
- c) The letter signed by Chief Constable Andy Marsh dated 19 March 2020 endorsing the appointment of John Smith as deputy PCC and all other correspondence between the three above named relating to that endorsement and the appointment.
- d) Any succession planning in the case that Sue Mountstevens resigns from her post before the next PCC election.
- e) Any discussion between the three above named individuals concerning the resignation of John Smith and his plans to stand as a PCC candidate.

Our response:

Please find attached the email correspondence that was identified as relevant to your request. We also include the letter referred to from the Chief Constable dated 19th March.

1. The OPCC confirm that there has never been any correspondence on succession planning and the PCC has not spoken about resigning.
2. There is no correspondence on John Smith's intention to resign and stand as a PCC candidate.
3. There are no Whatsapp or text messages between any of the parties on any of these matters.

4. There is no business case for the appointment of the Deputy PCC but there is a job profile which is in the public domain (www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk) and I have attached it as part of our response.

If you have any [REDACTED] please contact me, quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy about how your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision then you should write to:

The Chief Executive
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Valley Road
Portishead
Bristol
BS20 8JJ

Please note, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. The appeals document is attached for your reference.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioners Office