



PCC DECISION

REF 2023/011

Decision Title: Minehead Outline Business Case

Decision summary

The Governance & Scrutiny Board (GSB) approved the option to purchase and refurbish the Seahorse Centre (Stephenson Road, Minehead) as set out in the Outline Business Case.

The PCC endorsed a decision in principle to purchase the Seahorse Centre (Stephenson Road, Minehead) made in August 2023. The acquisition of the freehold of this property has subsequently been agreed with Somerset Council.

At the December GSB meeting, an Outline Business Case was presented formally setting out the costs of this purchase and the refurbishment of this site to bring it into operational use, compared to the alternative to remain in the existing police station, which is now too large.

The option to purchase and refurbish the site provides investment in Minehead which will provide a productive, collaborative, inclusive and future-proofed working environment for Officers and Staff delivering policing services to the town.

A budget was agreed for the project, noting a contribution from Somerset Council (to whom part of the site will be let) and inflationary risk. The costs presented are estimates at this stage and are subject to the procurement process.

The project delivery period is expected to be six months with completion by autumn 2024.

The approval of the Outline Business Case locks the design and allows the Project Team to proceed on early cost estimates with the formal endorsement and commitment of stakeholders. Project baselines have been established to inform future reporting. Approval enables the procurement process to commence, to test costs in the current market giving greater cost certainty.

A Final Business Case will be prepared for approval prior to commencement of construction and presented at a future Governance & Scrutiny Board in 2024.

Background or reference to supporting papers:

The Minehead Outline Business Case was approved at the Governance & Scrutiny Board on 14/12/23.

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 09/01/24

Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset

CFO Signatures

Date 09/01/24

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



PCC CFO

OCC CFO

Other relevant lead officer as required

Date 09/01/24

(e.g PCC CEO, COG lead)

Chief of Staff

Alice Ripley



Job title

name

signature