



Cambridgeshire
Police & Crime
Commissioner

To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

Date: 11 August 2016

WHITTLESEY POLICE STATIONS

1. Purpose

1.1 To report that the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) gave approval to undertake external communications and explore revenue opportunities.

2. Background

2.1 A purpose built police station constructed in the 1960s/70s over 2/3 storeys in a central mixed use location with ample free parking in the locality. The running costs



for 2015/16 were £22,000pa.

2.2 From 8th August 2016 the building will be vacated as part of a restructure. The local policing team will, however, remain focused on their daily duties but will start their day from March, allowing them to receive a pre-shift briefing from a sergeant face-to-face. Community contact will also be maintained through street surgeries and other community engagement activity. Local office space of up to four workstations could be provided within the Library or Fire Station. Depending on public access a contact point may also be required.

2.4 On 22nd January 2016 BCB were advised that the building was no longer required operationally and that a change of use was being investigated for a proposed sale in 2016. The paper was also presented to the Police & Crime Panel on 3rd February 2016. The Making Assets Count Programme Board are aware of the potential sale and

partner opportunities. It is proposed to write to the MP, District Council and Town Council to advise them of the proposal.

- 2.5 As part of the disposal due-diligence a planning pre-application submission was made and planning advice received on 17th June 2016. The Local Planning Authority advise that it is likely that, given the variety of uses in the area, including commercial, retail, offices and residential, that a mixed use scheme would be supported. The key consideration for the redevelopment/re-use of this site is the impact on the Conservation Area.

3. Summary

- 3.1 Following receipt of satisfactory planning advice it is now considered appropriate to undertake external communications and explore revenue opportunities.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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