

2nd March 2020

Our Ref: FOI/OPCC/20-006

Dear Requestor

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

I write in response to your request for information dated 10th February 2020 to the Cambridgeshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), entitled 'Freedom of information request, cost of fire service governance plans'.

The OPCC has treated your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act"). Your request sought access to the information below. The OPCC's response regarding your request is also given below.

Q1. How much money have you spent on the attempt to take over the governance of the fire service?

OPCC response:

The total costs are £98,677.60. Please note this includes £18,528.90 legal costs relating to fire not merely fire governance.

Q2. Please can you provide a breakdown of the costs, by year (starting in 2016), and what the money was spent on.

OPCC response:

Please note:

- i. information is given by financial year;
- ii. the £18,528.90 legal costs relate to fire not merely fire governance.

Financial Year	Description	Cost
2016/17	External consultants fee for developing Local Business Case to assess police and fire collaboration governance options	£61,333
	Home Office grant for part-funding the development of the Local Business Case	- £61,333
	<i>Note: there is a legal requirement under The Policing and Crime Act 2017 requires a local (business) case to be made by a Police and Crime Commissioner.</i>	Total £0
2017/18	External consultants fee for developing Local Business Case	£77,330
2018/19	Legal Advice Backfill staffing for Head of Policy for Police and Fire	£10,473 £2,818.70

		Total £13,292
2019/20	Legal advice up to 29 th January 2020	£8,055.90
	Total	£98,677.60

Q3. Please can you include the cost of planning and any legal proceedings and appeals, including the judicial review.

OPCC response:

£18,528.90 for legal advice costs. OPCC officer costs are not included in this figure.

The Act requires that the OPCC handles all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

We trust that the information provided above meets your needs. However, if you are unhappy with this response, please see the attached 'satisfied with our service' document, which sets out your rights to appeal.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough