

18th March 2021
CON-029506/SF/RD

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 853– CON-029506

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC's) office have now completed the search for the information which you requested on the 8th March 2021.

Your request:

Can you advise what terms if any you had to comply with if you were supported by a political party at the last crime commissioner's election in regard to deposit paid by your political party.

Can you advise if you have had to donate or been asked a percentage of your crime commissioners' yearly salary back to the political party who supported you in your crime commissioner's campaign. If so how much?

Can you advise if the £5000 deposit required by regulations to stand was returned to your political party and if so how long did it take to be returned.

Can you advise if you kept the £5000 deposit? If so was it a gift and by whom?

Can you advise if you have donated any sums of money to the political party who supported you once you were elected as crime commissioner.

Our response:

Sue Mountstevens stood as an Independent Candidate and was not supported by a political party in the last crime commissioner's election. As an Independent Candidate her deposit was not paid by a political party and nor were any terms imposed on her by a political party.

As an Independent Candidate, Sue Mountstevens was not asked to donate any percentage of her annual salary to a political party.

The £5000 deposit was not paid by a political party and therefore this question is not applicable.

The £5000 deposit was not gifted to Sue Mountstevens.

As previously advised, Sue Mountstevens stood as an Independent Candidate and did not donate any sums of money to a supporting political party once elected as Police and Crime Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this letter then 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 Interim 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