



**AVON &  
SOMERSET**  
POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER

**PCC DECISION**

**REF 2023/013**

**Decision Title:** Minehead Final Business Case

**Decision summary:**

The OPCC Governance & Scrutiny Board on 14/03/24 approved Option A as presented in the Final Business Case to facilitate the appointment of the preferred contractor for the refurbishment of the Seahorse Centre, Stephenson Road, MINEHEAD to provide a new Police Station.

**Background or reference to supporting papers:**

The Minehead Estates Project has been agreed as a priority for management via the Constabulary Portfolio of Change process. Built in 1930, Minehead Police Station is oversized, underutilised and in disrepair with significant backlog maintenance costs. It has been the Constabulary's intention to dispose of the site since 2014/15 when an options appraisal was first proposed. Since the opening of the Williton site, the 10 officers and staff based at the station are using just a handful of rooms which are tired, damp and in poor condition. Much of the rest of the building is derelict with minimum maintenance carried out to ensure its structure.

The Seahorse Centre on Stephenson Road, Minehead, a Somerset Council (SC) asset, was identified as a potentially suitable site to replace the existing police station through ongoing public sector asset management dialogue with partners. Acquisition of the freehold interest has been agreed subject to Somerset Council leasing 30% of the site to deliver the satellite site for the Somerset Academy for health and social care training funded by Levelling Up Funding; and planning approving the change of use of a front garden area to a 10-space car park to serve the council demise.

The Project delivery period is expected to complete end of September 2024 with staff moving into site October/ November 2024. The recommended option is supported by all business representatives engaged on the project. It provides investment in Minehead which will provide a productive, collaborative, inclusive and future-proofed working environment for the officers and staff delivering policing services to the town.

**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 14/03/24

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**Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset**

**CFO Signatures**

Date 14/03/24

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

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**PCC CFO**

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**OCC CFO**

**Other relevant lead officer as required**

Date 14/03/24

(e.g PCC CEO, COG lead)

**Chief of Staff**

**Alice Ripley**

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**Job title**

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**name**

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**signature**