

PCC DECISION REF 2024/007

## Decision Title: Final Business Case - Force Collisions Investigation Unit

## **Decision summary:**

The PCC's Governance & Scrutiny Board approved a Final Business Case on 17/09/24 in support of the proposals relating to the relocation of the Force Collisions Investigations Unit from Almondsbury to Police HQ.

The Final Business Case relates to changes to Constabulary estate and therefore requires PCC approval.

## Background or reference to supporting papers:

The PCC's Governance & Scrutiny Board approved Option 2 in the Final Business Case for the refurbishment of Residential Block 4 at Police Headquarters (HQ) as the new base for the Forensic Collision Investigation Unit (FCIU).

The costs have been factored into the Constabulary Capital Plan. The recommended option is supported by business representatives engaged on the project and will enable the organisation to meet ISO accreditation standards, and thus, maintain the Forensic Collision Investigative function.

The Forensic Science Regulator Act 2021 required the Regulator to prepare and publish a code of practice for forensic science activities in England and Wales. The Code of Practice came into force as of 02/10/23. The Constabulary is required to be inspected against this code of practice to continue to provide a forensic collision investigative (FCI) service. The project construction period is expected to be 8 weeks, with an estimated completion Q4 2024/25.

The PCC's decision is supported by the evidence base provided by the Final Business Case document.

## **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** 14/10/24

Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset

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

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