

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Surrender of arrangement for Tilbury Port Accommodation

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Tilbury Port

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Date of report: 8th May 2020

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1. Purpose of the report

This Decision Report is to notify the Commissioner that Tilbury Port police office has been declared operationally surplus by the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner as the lead Commissioner for the Eastern Region Specialist Operations Unit (ERSOU) and therefore can be disposed of as an asset of the Essex PFCC.

2. Recommendations

To acknowledge formal surrender of the lease for the use of Tilbury Port Police Office, 15 Tenants Row, Tilbury Docks, Tilbury, RM18 7JD.

3. Benefits of the proposal

Surrendering the lease ensures maximum financial efficiencies and reduction of our underutilised estate.

4. Background and proposal

The Eastern Region Specialist Operations Unit (ERSOU) operates under a Collaboration Agreement throughout the seven forces of the Eastern region. ERSOU operates under the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner as the lead Commissioner / Force.

The Tilbury Port Police Office was solely utilised by ERSOU and funded by Bedfordshire through a recharge arrangement. As part of the ERSOU estate review, which aimed to ensure it maintains operational efficiency and best value for money, it was identified that only a small operational function was provided from the Tilbury Port Office. The

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operational function has been relocated to an alternative location, declaring the building operationally surplus to requirements.

The former Police Authority entered into a lease with the Port of Tilbury London Limited for the use of the accommodation. The lease was then amended by a Deed of Variation dated 14th April 2011 in accordance with a Home Office Memorandum of Understanding between Port Managers and Port Police Special Branches regarding facilities to be provided under Schedule 7 of the Terrorism Act 2000.

The building does not form part of the Essex Police Estate Strategy and there are no operational reasons for the building to be maintained as an operational asset. Therefore, the proposal is to return the building back to Tilbury Port at the earliest opportunity.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

Maintain the building as an Essex Police asset: The building is located with the Port and therefore does not fulfil any immediate or future requirements of the Estate Strategy.

6. Police and Crime Plan

The lease surrender fits with the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan objective on Finance and Resources, with particular reference to *"Rationalise the police estate, making it fit for purpose for 21st century policing and drive out savings to reinvest back into local policing"*.

The lease surrender fits with the Commissioner's Estate Strategy with particular reference to *"Strategic Management of our Estate"* and *"Our Future Direction"*

7. Police operational implications

There are no direct operational policing implications of the proposal. The operational staff have already relocated to an alternative CTBP location.

8. Financial implications

All costs associated with the building were recharged to Bedfordshire as the lead force for ERSOU which will cease on surrender of the accommodation.

9. Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from the surrender of the property.

10. Staffing implications

There are no staffing or resource implications arising from this decision report.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

It is not considered that an Equality Impact Assessment is required for the lease surrender associated with the decision report.

12. Risks

If the surrender is not agreed, the costs for operating the building will fall to Essex Police and be a budget pressure requiring a growth bid.

13. Governance Boards

The Deputy Chief Constable has approved the building being declared operationally surplus which was affirmed at the Estate Change Board on 21st February 2020 and the Strategic Estates Board on 12th May 2020.

14. Background papers

There are no background papers associated to this report.

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 26 June 2020

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign:

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 29 June 2020

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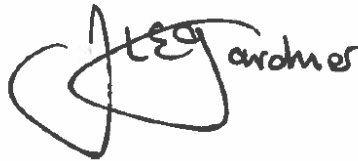
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Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

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I agree the recommendations to this report:



Sign:

Jane Gardner

Print:

Deputy PFCC

Date signed: 30 June 2020

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Sign:

Print:

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: