



WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

11 December 2015

ESTATES STRATEGY UPDATE

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update Panel members on the West Yorkshire Police Estates Strategy
- 1.2 For this briefing, the Panel are presented with the following information:
 - i. A brief update on the estates approach and an overview of the governance of estates decisions.
 - ii. A copy of the approved Estates Strategy 2015-2020.

2. Estates Strategy Update

- 2.1 Further to the briefing provided in March 2015, this briefing provides an update on the Estates Strategy and the estates decision making framework. Following the announcement that the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) 2015 was likely to reduce police funding by at least the level of cuts seen between 2010 and 2015, an additional estates review has taken place well ahead of the CSR announcement on 25 November.
- 2.2 The Estates team have discussed the West Yorkshire Police estate with each District Commander and a representative from each Local Authority in West Yorkshire with a view to identifying joint efficiencies and to ensure the estate is utilised in a manner that meets the changing needs of West Yorkshire Police and a reduced workforce in the most efficient way possible.
- 2.3 The Estates team have also fully engaged with the review of the West Yorkshire public estates led by Wakefield MDC and will continue to do so when the more detailed review commences.
- 2.4 The Police and Crime Commissioner recently approved a new Estates Strategy shown at Appendix 1. The Estates Strategy has been produced in order to drive the estates planning, development and expenditure programme for the next five years.
- 2.5 The strategy sets out the context and key principles to inform decision making regarding estates.

- 2.6 Each key change to the West Yorkshire Police estate will have a business case that details the rationale behind the proposed change and the supporting detail prior to formal consultation. Following consultation a full business case will be provided taking into consideration the consultation feedback.
- 2.7 As the updated Estates Strategy has only recently been approved, to date no business cases have been received after the review referenced at 2.2. It is envisaged that the first pre consultation business cases will be presented to the Assets Board in January 2016.

3. Estates Governance

- 3.1 The West Yorkshire Police Estate is owned by the PCC and managed by the Chief Constable. Fig 1. Shows the governance structure in place to support the PCC in making estates decisions.

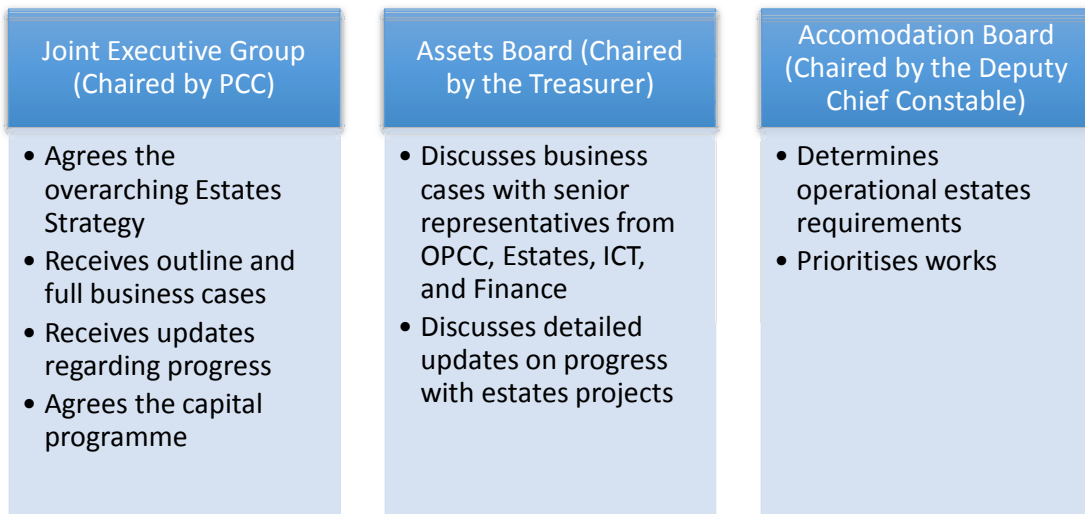


Figure 1 Roles Regarding Estates for Key Governance Forums

- 3.2 Any decision taken on the Estate will have a business case assessed and will be judged against the Estates Strategy and will take on board the views of our communities and key stakeholders including any viable alternative plans or proposals to existing arrangements.