



SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: FOI Request 003220-16

REQUEST DETAILS:

"We would be grateful if you could provide the following most current versions of the publications if you publish them which are listed below"

1. ***Public Service Agreement***
2. ***Spending review***
3. ***Shared Service Transformation Strategy***
4. ***Best Value report***
5. ***Business Plan/strategy***
6. ***Procurement Innovation Plan***
7. ***Procurement plan***
8. ***Estates/FM/Property Management plan***
9. ***HR Plan***
10. ***Contract register in open data format."***

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

This response is correct as of xxx 2016.

A search has been completed for all relevant strategies that fall within the descriptions requested above.

Some information is readily available in the public domain and the estates strategy, or version thereof, is intended for future publication and has therefore not been provided at this stage.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires that Suffolk Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) is to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- (a) States that fact
- (b) Specifies the exemption(s) in question and
- (c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption(s) applies.

The information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption(s);

Section 21(1) – Information reasonably accessible by other means
Section 22(1) – Information intended for future publication



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Links to the Information that is already published have been provided next to the relevant question number.

Section 22 is a qualified, class-based exemption and I am therefore required to produce a Public Interest Test.

1. Suffolk Constabulary does not have a Public Service Agreement
2. The Medium term Financial Plans (MTFP) is available through the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) website:

<http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/decisions/3-2016-medium-term-financial-plan-2016-17-to-2019-2020>

3. The Constabulary's collaboration strategy is available on the PCCs website:

<http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Collaboration-Strategy-Covering-Report.pdf>

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4. The Constabulary does not have a Best Value report
5. The police and crime plan is available through the PCCs website:

<http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/about-us/police-and-crime-plan-2013-17>

6. The Procurement Strategy is attached
7. As above

8. Suffolk Constabulary's existing estates strategy is dated 2012 – 2016.

Information concerning this strategy is available on the PCCs website:

<http://www.suffolk-pcc.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Estates-Strategy.pdf>

A replacement Estates Strategy is currently being drafted but is not yet finalised.

There are plans for the separate communications strategy/leaflet to accompany the revised strategy for public awareness of the Constabulary's building projects and strategy. The information has therefore not been provided due to the exemption at Section 22.

9. The Constabulary's HR People Strategy is attached



10. The Constabulary's contract register is available via the Blue Light Procurement Database:

<http://www.blpd.gov.uk>

Section 22 - Public Interest Test

Considerations favouring disclosure

When information disclosed relates directly to the efficiency and effectiveness of the Force or its Officers, in this instance concerning the Constabularies estates strategies, it identifies that the Constabulary is ensuring effective management of its estates and that they are being adequately maintained and utilised appropriately.

Considerations favouring non-disclosure

Information concerning the future estates strategy can include sensitive information relating to proposed changes for better working practices, which may cause unrest.

The FOIA legally allows members of the Public to request any information held by the Public Authority. In order to supply this information, resources are allocated to locate and retrieve it. The Section 21 and 22 exemptions were specifically laid down by parliament to benefit those authorities that proactively publish information.

Balancing Test

Disclosure would ensure that the public are aware of the Constabulary's future proposal with regards to estates provision. Identifying where there can be cost efficiencies and better working with partner agencies.

However, the estates strategy as it stands, is not finalised and contains proposals for future provisions. It would not be fair to any one concerned if such information was discussed prior to the decision being made.

It is for these reasons that the Constabulary has decided not to disclose the document as this stage.