

WYPCC – Briefing / Decision template

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Timing:	Decision required to enable marketing of the building to allow for early completion following vacation of the building
Purpose:	For Decision – by Mark Burns-Williamson
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SUBJECT OF ADVICE: To agree to the marketing and disposal of Normanton Police Station following the move to the new Divisional HQ at Havertop Lane.

Summary: The PFI Business Case included a number of Police premises which would be disposed of to assist in the funding of the overall scheme. One of those properties identified for disposal was Normanton Police Station. The rationale being that the staff who occupy the building will relocate to the nearby DHQ at Havertop Lane. Normanton Police Station does not have a Public Enquiry Counter. The disposal of Normanton Police Station would realise an annual revenue saving of £43k as well as generate a capital receipt. A list of Public Contact Points in the Normanton area are attached as an appendix to this paper. The Division are continually evaluating the use of Contact Points and are improving the level of service whenever appropriate opportunities arise.

Recommendation: It is recommended that a marketing agent be appointed to market the site during the final months of occupation to both avoid having an empty building (post PFI) and retaining certain running costs.

Consideration: The appointed marketing agent will determine the appropriate way of marketing the site, taking account of appropriate planning restrictions and market forces.

Affordability: The appointment of the agents will be met from within existing budgets. Relocation costs are already built into the Force budget.

Supporting and dissenting Views: The only issues that have been raised by local Councillors during consultation relates to the visibility and accessibility of the local Neighbourhood Policing Team in Normanton Town Centre. These were not significant concerns and are better described as queries that were raised rather than objections. The Councillors have been reassured that the NPT will still be accessible at contact points within the town centre and the Local Councillors have agreed to work with the local NPT Inspector to ensure there are adequate and additional contact points available for the NPT officers to use. No community concerns are

anticipated from the closure of Normanton Police Station and the transfer of resources to the new Divisional HQ.

APPENDICES: List of Contact Points in the Normanton area.

Contact Points Normanton and Featherstone

WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Normanton	Normanton Library, Market St	Monday & Thursday 9.30 to 10.30am
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Normanton	Normanton Market and Asda, High St	Tuesday 10am to noon
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Normanton	Baptist Church, Queen St	Saturday 10am to 11am
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Normanton	Market, Hight St	All day Saturday
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Normanton	Cecily Close Care Home	Evenings any day
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Featherstone	Huntwick Centre, Huntwick Rd	Tuesday 10am to noon
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Featherstone	Gospel Hall, Station Lane	Wednesday 10am to noon
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Featherstone	Wilson St Church	Thursday 10am to noon
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Featherstone	Streethouse Community Centre, Whinney Lane	Friday 10am to noon
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Featherstone	Sharlston Community Centre	Saturday 9 to 11am
WAKEFIELD	Normanton and Featherstone	Altofts	Altofts OAP centre	Tuesday 2 to 4pm