

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2013 - 006

Your request has now been considered and we provide our response to your request below.

You asked:

Whilst I recognize that media handling is an important aspect of the work of the Police and Crime Commissioner's office I am concerned about the costs of media including the Dorset PCC website which is powered by a company called Contensis.

This request under the Freedom of Information act is as follows:

- 1. What is the total budget set aside to run the function of Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner?**
- 2. What is the percentage of the total budget used for media purposes including the Dorset PCC website?**
- 3. What was the method used to decide the company that supplied the website design, hosting and any ongoing maintenance of the Dorset PCC website?**
- 4. Did the PCC use specialist advice when selecting the company chosen to provide the website design, hosting and any ongoing maintenance of the Dorset PCC website?**
- 5. What procedures were put in place to ensure value for money paid was considered when deciding the supplier of the website design, hosting and any ongoing maintenance of the Dorset PCC website?**
- 6. What did the Dorset PCC website cost to develop to the present state?**

Your earliest reply to this matter, within the limits of time stated under the Freedom of Information regulations would be appreciated.

Your request for information has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and our response is as follows:

- 1. The total estimated cost of the office of the police commissioner is £870,100 for 2013/14.**
- 2. There is currently no specific budget set aside for media purposes, other than the salary and on-costs for the Media and Communications Manager. In order for a fully functioning website to be in place immediately upon the PCC taking office on 22 November 2012 the initial development of the website and associated costs fell under the Transition Programme work undertaken under the Dorset Police Authority.**

3. The Open Procedure was used for this procurement and was advertised in the Official Journal of The European Union (OJEU).
4. The PCC was not involved in selecting the company that supplied the website as this work was undertaken prior to them taking office (see paragraph 2, above). An IT Consultant specialising in this area was used in the evaluation process, plus end users from two different Police Authorities and a procurement representative.
5. This was a collaborative tender procedure and the costs for the website design, implementation, training and maintenance were shared amongst the 23 Police Authorities who joined the collaboration.
6. The total cost for the PCC Dorset website and associated Content Management System (CMS) to date is £10,501.17 (including VAT). This cost includes design and development; cloning; initial training and support; administration; enterprise licenses; on-line survey facility; an e-newsletter facility; and hosting for an initial two year period. This cost was met in full from the transition budget established to support the Transition Programme referred to in paragraph 2, above.

A separate payment of £100 + VAT was also made to the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC) to secure the current domain name being used for the website. This will be an annual fee to the APCC (as owners) for use of the domain name for as long as it remains in use.

The recent 're-skinning' of the PCC Dorset website was carried out by Genetics at no additional cost, in recognition of the changes that an incoming PCC may wish to make once they were in post.