

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO 2021-011

Your request has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act) and we provide our response below.

You asked:

I am writing to you with a request for information regarding the £5000 deposit required to stand as crime commissioner. Kindly consider my request under an FOI request if you find you cannot respond freely to the requests below.

Can you advise what terms if any you had to comply with if you were supported by a political party at the last crime commissioner's election in regard to deposit paid by your political party.

Can you advise if you have had to donate or been asked a percentage of your crime commissioners' yearly salary back to the political party who supported you in your crime commissioner's campaign. If so how much?

Can you advise if the £5000 deposit required by regulations to stand was returned to your political party and if so how long did it take to be returned.

Can you advise if you kept the £5000 deposit? If so was it a gift and by whom?

Can you advise if you have donated any sums of money to the political party who supported you once you were elected as crime commissioner.

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

This is a personal matter for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), and not one for which the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner holds information.

However, we can confirm that the Dorset PCC stood as an independent candidate in both the 2012 and 2016 elections, and so was not supported by a political party.