

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **17/2021**

Title: The Lawns Cottingham – Signing of Ongoing Property Licence.

Executive Summary:

The Special Operations Unit have been using the The Lawns Centre Cottingham for training of Force staff since 2018. The site is owned and operated by Hull University and has been used by the Force under licence. There have been a number of licences issued for the use of the site since 2018 with the last expiring on September 30th 2020.

This Decision Record allows for use of the site from September 30th 2020 until October 31st 2021 and therefore is retrospective in nature.

The reason why this licence is retrospective is due to the fact that Humberside Police and Hull University had agreed Heads of Terms for a permanent lease for the site which was designated to run from September 2020 for 2 years. The University delayed progressing the lease due to the impending sale of the site which was made known to the Force in May 2021.

Hull University have subsequently placed The Lawns complex on the open market for sale following the commencement of the marketing of Ferens Hall which is also used by the Force for special operations training. Therefore Hull University have requested that the above period be legally covered through a licence agreement.

There needs to be ongoing discussion with the University to determine whether the Force will have use of the site from November 2021 to promote training such as public order training as well as dog training although indications are that the site has yet to be sold and therefore may be available for use by Humberside Police for a further period of time yet to be determined.

This Decision Record requests the signing of a licence for use of the site from September 30th 2020 until October 31st 2021.

Decision:

- a) To proceed with the signing of the licence which is retrospective in nature and due to expire on 31st October 2021. The licence covers the period of use for The Lawns Cottingham by the Force Special Operations Unit for training purposes from 30th September 2020 to 31st October 2021.

Background Report: Open/Closed (with FOI exemption(s) stated)

There is no requirement for the contents of this Decision Record to be closed

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature**Date 8.9.2021**