

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Appeal Surrey Homes Board Decision

Decision number: 026/2013

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Executive Summary:

In April, the Surrey Homes Board considered a request from a retired Police Officer for him and his family to be allowed to remain in his Police property until August 2013. The property should have been vacated upon or before the date of the Officer's retirement in February 2013.

The Board declined the request to extend the date until August 2013 as they felt the Officer had received sufficient notice to make alternative arrangements. An appeal against the Board's decision was received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 06/06/13.

Background

The Officer has been aware since he moved into the property that he needed to vacate the property upon his retirement and this was confirmed with him in September 2012. Upon a request from the Officer, this date was then extended to the end of June 2013.

A further request to extend this date to the end of August 2013 was received from the now retired Officer in April 2013 and the Surrey Homes Board considered this request. The Board felt that there had been sufficient notice and that the 30th of June deadline remained a reasonable period of time to allow the Officer to make alternative arrangements and this decision was notified on 03/05/13. The Board also noted that the Officer does have another property to move to which is currently under redevelopment. The retired Officer has submitted an appeal against this decision which was received by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner on 06/06/13.

The Commissioner considered the appeal on 11th June 2013 having reviewed comments from the Board and the officer himself.

Recommendation

The Commissioner supports the decision of the Board; the reasons for this are as follows:

- The retired Officer in question has had sufficient notice to make alternative arrangements.
- Surrey Police is reliant on capital receipts from the disposal of police houses to fund its capital programme.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date: 01/07/2013

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The Surrey Homes Board comprises representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Surrey Police HR, Finance and Estates functions. The commissioner does not sit on the Board. :

Financial implications

The property is to be sold as soon as possible once the retired Officer has vacated the property; any delay prevents this sale from taking place and this will have a financial impact.

Legal

The Officer's tenancy of the property is covered under Police Regulations whilst he remains a service Police Officer, this is not the case once the Officer retires.

Risks

Financial implication to Surrey Police.

Equality and diversity and human rights

No implications