

Item 17 - Building the Future Update, 24 November 2021 – PCC's Statement

- On Monday, at the conclusion of the recent Strategic Assessment process, a decision was made to progress with an HQ re-development at the Force's current HQ site at Mount Browne in Guildford, home of Surrey Police for the past 70 years.
- This means that previous plans to build a new HQ and Eastern operating base in Leatherhead have been halted. The former Electrical Research Association (ERA) and Cobham Industries site was purchased in March 2019, with the intention of replacing a number of existing police locations in the county, including the current HQ in Guildford. This site will now be sold.
- The strategic assessment, initiated in June of this year, looked at 3 options for the future: (1) deliver the HQ and operating base at the ERA site in Leatherhead (2) deliver a new HQ at an alternative site or (3) deliver a new HQ at Mount Browne.
- The outcome of the assessment, which was presented in detail to a Board meeting on Monday, was heavily in favour - both in qualitative and quantitative terms, of developing the site at Mount Browne.
- This marks the start of a hugely exciting project for Surrey Police, which brings both great opportunities, but also challenges, given the nature of the site.
- Plans for the new HQ are very much in the early stages, but will be undertaken in phases including a new joint Contact Centre and Force Control Room, a better location for the internationally renowned Surrey Police Dog School, a new forensics hub and improved facilities for training and accommodation.
- The programme vision remains unchanged – providing modern, efficient, flexible working environments, that will reduce overall costs, enhance working conditions, enable more agile and collaborative ways of working.
- Due to the phased nature of the project, we would anticipate full completion by October 2029.
- The Programme will now restart at RIBA Stage 1. An initial funding envelope for the delivery through to RIBA Stage 2 has been agreed, together with an overall funding envelope for the new HQ. This information is currently commercially sensitive.
- Next month, the PCC is set to receive further details with regards to current contractual links; a strategy for putting together a team to take forward the project; updates to the existing estates and housing strategies to reflect the

MB decision; and further work to define the overall disposal strategy. We will share as much of this information as we are able to with the Panel.