

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

Decision Record Number: **24/2022**

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

Executive Summary:

The Special Operations Unit have been using 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 license. There have been a number of licenses issued for the use of the site since 2018 with the last expiring on October 31st 2021.

This Decision Record allows for use of the site from November 1st 2021 until September 26th 2022 and therefore is retrospective in nature. Hull University have requested that the above period be legally covered through a licence agreement.

The reason why this licence is retrospective is due to the fact that Hull University have over the course of the last 6 months been agreeing terms for a sale of The Lawns site. The site has now been sold and the licence for signing is based around the terms of the sale of the site which is expected to complete in September 2022. The University delayed progressing the licence due to the impending sale of the site which was made known to the Force in May 2021.

There needs to be ongoing discussion with the University and the new owners of the site to determine whether the Force will have use of the site after September 2022 to promote training such as public order training as well as dog training. Indications from the University suggest the Force may be able to continue to use the site from October 2022 but will need to agree the terms of the new owners which are to be discussed in a pending meeting due to take place in late May 2022.

This Decision Record requests the signing of a licence for use of the site from October 31st 2021 until September 26th 2022

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

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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 18/05/2022**