Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 25 March 2013.

Please find below the information that you have requested:

On 22 November 2012 all 13 former Police Authority staff transferred over to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Since then the Commissioner has made one appointment as follows:

Name: Paul Robinson

Job Title: Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner

Remuneration: £45,000 per annum Contracted Hours: 30 hours per week

The Commissioner knew Mr Robinson in a professional capacity and declared this when recording his decisions, as can be found in Decision Records 6/2012 and 9/2012, copies of which are available on our website by following these links – http://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Working-for-You/Decision-Log/2012/dr6.pdf and http://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Working-for-You/Decision-Log/2012/dr-9.pdf. You will see in these documents that Section 7 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (appointment of staff on merit) does not apply to the appointment of a Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner and so no formal recruitment process was undertaken and the post was not advertised. The criteria used by the Commissioner in selecting Mr Robinson for the post are set out within the reports.

The Police and Crime Panel did not endorse the appointment of Mr Robinson as Deputy and is outlined in the report supporting decision record 9/2012 (link above).

The total cost of the Police Authority and its administrative staff in its final full year was £1.5m as can be found on page 26 of the 2011/12 annual accounts which are available on our website at http://www.humberside-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Working-for-You/Transparency/What-we-spend/Humberside-PA-Annual-Accounts-2011-12.pdf. The base budget for 2012/13 covering the cost of the Police Authority up to 21 November 2012 and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for the remaining period of the financial year to 31 March 2013 was £1.4m. The base budget for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner in 2013/14 is currently being finalised but is unlikely to be in excess of this amount. I am unable to provide details of the cost of the Police and Crime Panel as this is run by North East Lincolnshire Council and the information is therefore not held by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you think that we have not supplied information in accordance with our Publication Scheme or under general rights of access then you have the right to ask for an internal review. Any request for an internal review should be addressed to:

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We would aim to complete an internal review within 15 working days.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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