

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

Decision Record Number: **08/2021**

Title: Police Dog Kenneling – Sangreat Kennels Brigg North Lincolnshire:

The appended Chief Officers Report outlines in greater detail the reasons why the Force wishes to sign a lease for the use of 12 Kennels at Sangreat Kennels in Brigg North Lincolnshire. The report addresses current issues faced by the Force's Dog section in relation to dog kenneling and how the decision to lease Kennels at Sangreat Kennels has been formulated.

In summary the Force have used an number of different outsourced options for kenneling of its police dogs since the sale of Walkington Stables in May 2015. Walkington acted as a permanent kenneling base and was owned by the Force. Appropriate kenneling is fundamental for the Force Dog section and is required for both the wellbeing of the Officer and that of the dog.

The Force currently have 22 police dogs operating in Force but this is expected to be increased to 32 dogs in the future through uplift in staff. The last contract the Force used for kennels was through North Lincolnshire Council which ended in April 2021.

Entering into a lease with Sangreat Kennels will cater for current kenneling needs of the Force and will address any issues around a proposed uplift in Police dog numbers.

It would be the intention to install a portable office unit at the Kennels which will allow for the disposal of Barnetby Box which is the current base for the Force's Dog Section. Barnetby Box has been marked for disposal by the Force during 2021. The Unit will provide office accommodation for two Dog Trainers.

In making the decision to enter a lease with Sangreat Kennels a number of aspects have been considered. These include financial considerations which include both direct and indirect costs which incurred by the Force in the process of kenneling its dogs.

Other aspects considered include the risks in handling Police dogs and the knowledge and experience needed in being able to do so coupled with the infrastructure needed to contain dogs of this nature and temperament.

Sangreat Kennels has CCTV. The owner lives on site and is able to respond to any issues or call for assistance particularly if a dog falls ill whilst in the kennels. The kennels are equipped with fire alarms, fire-fighting equipment and carbon monoxide detectors.

As stated in the Chief Officers Report, Sangreat is a well-established kenneling business which has been operational for many years and has links to the Local Council through handling stray dogs, as well as links to the local community through the private boarding of dogs. With its location on the outskirts of Brigg, the kennels have minimal impact on local communities in terms of noise and disruption. However, with the handlers travelling to and from the location, local residents should benefit from increased visibility of marked dog vans around the area.

The lease details consist of a lease with a term of 5 years at a cost of £29,200 per annum. Either party can terminate the lease at any time giving six months' notice.

Decision:

- a) To enter into a lease to provide 12 kennels and an associated exercise area for the value of £29,200 per annum.

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

The appended Chief Officer Group Report outlines the rationale to why the lease for Sangreat Kennels is required. It discusses the options considered and the reasons why the Force wish to enter into a lease for use of Sangreat Kennels

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 23.06.2021**