Freedom of Information Request FOI 18 09

Estate Strategy

Query

I am writing to you as part of an Intelligence research project looking into Blue Light Services estates strategy. Specifically, I would like to ask for information on the following questions:

1. Whether your fire service has any plans to establish or move any of its support, administrative and back-office functions to new premises or to modify or refurbish existing premises in the coming five years.

2. Whether, as part of an estates strategy, your service has plans to co-locate with any of the following services:

   - Central Government
   - Local Government (including district or county)
   - Other Fire & Rescue services
   - Police
   - Ambulance services
   - NHS

3. Any further information you have regarding the timescale, floorplan size, cost of the project and staff numbers involved (full time-equivalents).

For your own convenience, if your service holds any business plan or strategy documents available for public release on these topics that would more easily answer my questions, I would be happy for you to forward to me the relevant files.

Response:

1. **Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Authority was formed on 1 April 2016, a new Service HQ was established at Five Rivers Health & Wellbeing Centre, a hub owned and operated by Wiltshire Council. The former Wiltshire Service HQ offices, being surplus, have been sold, and the remaining support offices, at Poundbury, Dorset and The Walled Garden, Potterne, Wiltshire, together with SHQ, will provide accommodation for support, administrative and back-office functions for the foreseeable future.**

2. **DWFRS have site-sharing arrangements in place with Police and Ambulance services, and provide ad-hoc facilities for Adult and Childrens Services (local government/health). We also have some premises used as polling stations. We continue to seek opportunities to extend these arrangements.**

3. **On the basis that we have no plans for the foreseeable future (Q1), there is nothing to report for Q3.**