

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA**

**Key Decisions**

**Title and Reference – PCC.133.2015**

**HOUGHTON LE SPRING MAGISTRATES COURT : SURRENDER OF HMCTS LEASEHOLD INTEREST AND GRANT OF REVISED ACCESS RIGHTS**

**Report of the Head of Strategic Asset Management**

**Summary**

Offices at Houghton-le-Spring Police Station have been used as a Magistrates' Court by HM Courts and Tribunal Service (HMCTS) for a number of years. However, following re-organisation of the Court Service, the premises have been vacated and HMCTS leasehold interest was subsequently advertised for sale.

HMCTS have now offered their long leasehold interest back to the landlord (the Police and Crime Commissioner). Taking the lease back (i.e. accepting a surrender) allows the Commissioner to consolidate the ownership of the site.

**Recommendations / Findings**

It is recommended that the Commissioner agrees to the surrender of the long leasehold interest held by HMCTS on the terms set out in the papers submitted.

(These papers are exempted under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

**Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

**Signature**



**Date 19.02.15**

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