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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

In respect to Police Scotland's current status on Greenock Police Station, we would like to provide some background and context. In May 2019, Police Scotland launched an ambitious Estate Strategy that will help the Service develop a sustainable, modern and demand-led property estate that enables us to deliver an enhanced service to communities across Scotland, co-locating with our public sector partners wherever possible. In the year ahead, we will be working with key stakeholders, K Division and our partners to determine the best course of action for the future of Greenock Police Station, which forms part of our Estate Strategy implementation plan to transform our ageing estate right across the country, into one that is modern, sustainable and fit for the future.

As part of the transformation of our estate, we are already delivering on a significant programme of work, whilst at the same time, we are continually reviewing the condition of our buildings and prioritising those in the poorest condition. Greenock is one of our high priority sites and as such, we are already exploring our potential future options with our partners. Working with our partners is crucial to delivering quicker, better outcomes for local communities, and a modern, fit for purpose estate is an essential enabler in achieving this. As part of this continuous review, and in line with discussions taking place in all Divisions across the country, it is only right that Police Scotland takes the time to consider all opportunities to ensure that we are providing the best possible service and outcomes for the local communities we serve, as well as providing modern, fit for purpose working environments for our officers and staff.

At the same time as delivering our estate transformation, we remain committed to ongoing, prioritised building improvements and lifecycle maintenance across our estate to ensure it remains in a compliant, habitable and reasonable condition.

I would like a note of all of the outstanding repairs and maintenance costs at Greenock Police Station.

Please detail what repairs/maintenance are/is required, how much they are estimated to cost and when the issue was reported.

There are currently 14 outstanding reactive repairs at Greenock Police Station which are all expected to be completed by the mid/end February. None of these repairs are emergency works. Unfortunately, we do not receive estimated costs for reactive repairs so

we cannot provide estimates at this time. In terms of Section 17(1) of the Act this is a formal notice that information is not held.

Please could you provide me with the same details for all repair and maintenance work logged at Greenock Police Station for 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 (please detail both work that is still outstanding and work that is completed and indicate whether it is outstanding or completed).

Please also provide me with the total amount spent on repairs and maintenance in each of the above tax years.

Police Scotland moved into a national Facilities Management Contract in 2017 and it is from this point that information is available to report on. The information on the number of reactive jobs and preventative maintenance jobs completed from years 2017/18 – 21/22 is broken down by year below. The number of these tasks on this tab have all been completed and there are none outstanding.

Completed Reactive Works

| Reactive Works | 17/18 | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | Total |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| No. of Jobs | 26 | 107 | 48 | 133 | 121 | 435 |
| Cost | £6,134.25 | £215,022.38 | £10,603.47 | £52,191.23 | £44,683.91 | £328,635.24 |

Completed Planned Preventative Maintenance

| Year | 17/18 | 18/19 | 19/20 | 20/21 | 21/22 | Total |
|------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Cost | £6,900.72 | £9,041.38 | £6,900.72 | £6,900.72 | £4,494.84 | £34,238.38 |

Please note the tasks have not been broken down so that the location of the risk or vulnerabilities in security are not exposed. I must advise that I have withheld this data: this acts as a refusal notice under section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. While I can confirm that Police Scotland holds the information that you have requested, I consider it to be exempt and the following exemptions apply:

Section 39(1) – Health, safety and the environment

Information is exempt information if its disclosure would or would be likely to endanger the physical or mental health or safety of an individual.

Information which identifies the location or vulnerabilities could disclose potential weaknesses in security and safety risks within the Police Scotland estate. This has the potential to endanger officers, staff and members of the public.

This is a non-absolute exemption and requires the application of the public interest test.

Public Interest Test

Public awareness and public safety would favour a disclosure on this subject as it would contribute to the public debate in relation to making buildings safer.

However, in contrast, we are accountable to the Health and Safety Executive and a complete list of actions and risks would be disclosed when required to the relevant bodies.

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As the Act is a public disclosure we require to balance being open and transparent with also protecting ourselves from any risks that may occur by disclosing the data.

In this instance there is no public interest in disclosing information which is likely to disclose potential weaknesses in security and safety risks and would have an adverse impact upon public safety. This would allow those intent on wrong-doing to exploit these risks and afford them the opportunity to cause serious damage to the Police Scotland Estate.

Please also provide an estimate of the backlog maintenance cost i.e the cost that would be incurred to bring the whole station up to the state-of-the-art standard of a brand new building.

See below the summary of the Greenock Condition Survey detailing the spending required over the next 10 years to bring the building up to standard

| Block | Further Investigation | P1 (Immediate) Must Do | P2 (yrs 1-2) Should Do | P3 (yrs 3-5) Would do | Yrs 6-10 |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Overall Cost Assessment | £105,470.00 | £2,015,512.00 | £1,454,800.00 | £1,149,250.00 | £1,454,250.00 |

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Glasgow at – foi@scotland.pnn.police.uk – quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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