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**COMMITTEE: GRAMPIAN JOINT POLICE BOARD**

**DATE: 8 JUNE 2012**

**TITLE OF REPORT: NEW PITSLIGO POLICE OFFICE**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval of Members the Grampian Joint Police Board to the closure and disposal of the Police Office at Low Street, New Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members of the Board agree to declare the property at 38 Low Street, New Pitsligo, Aberdeenshire surplus to requirements and it be sold.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The annual running costs of the building including rates, electricity, cleaning, insurance and maintenance, in the order of £5,000, will be saved.
- 3.2 The disposal of the property will generate a Capital Receipt.

**4. SERVICE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

- 4.1 The proposal to close New Pitsligo Station has been raised at the New Pitsligo Community Council. The Community Council advised that they had been expecting this decision and no issue was raised. The Community Council advised that they were content with the reduction in crime in their area which they attributed to increased police staffing levels at Mintlaw (which covers New Pitsligo).
- 4.2 Councillor Norman Smith and Peter Chapman were also in attendance at the Community Council meeting and were supportive of the closure decision.
- 4.3 While no Officers have been based at New Pitsligo for several months, mobile offices continue to be deployed to the community, although these mobile offices are not heavily attended.

## **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

N/A

## **6. REPORT**

- 6.1 The Board at its meeting on 2 September 2011 approved a Property Asset Management Plan (PAMP).
- 6.2 Within the PAMP, New Pitsligo was identified as a Category 2 property where opportunities to take forward the operational service to the community would be scoped.
- 6.3 The Police Office at New Pitsligo is contained within a larger two storey granite and slate property. The remainder of the property including first floor residential space is vacant.
- 6.4 Following an operational review, it is proposed to close the Office at New Pitsligo. The village will be served by Officers from Mintlaw which has had additional staffing resource with all five shifts being staffed. It is also proposed to have Police Surgeries in New Pitsligo.

## **7. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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## **8. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

N/A

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