



Philip Seccombe
Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire

Via Email

7 November 2024

Dear Commissioner,

Re: Your review into policing of activities related to hunting in Warwickshire

As I am sure you are aware, I am deeply concerned about the review you have commissioned into the policing of activities related to hunting in Warwickshire and the 'independence' of this review.

It is my belief that, given concern has been raised about your links to the Countryside Alliance, an organisation which promotes hunting, this review should have been completely unlinked to you or your office.

From my understanding, you commissioned the review, and I imagine you/your office have been involved in the procurement process of the reviewer and I assume that the fee for this review is being paid for by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

In my eyes, and the eyes of many of the Warwickshire public, this does not represent the truly independent inquiry this issue deserves.

Under Freedom of Information requests, I would be grateful for the answers to the below questions regarding your review:

1. How much is the review costing and who is paying for it?
2. What was the procurement process for the reviewer? Was the role advertised publicly?
3. How many reviewers were shortlisted before the appointed reviewer was selected? What were their names?
4. What powers does the reviewer have?

Anything less than a truly independent inquiry will not restore the trust of public. I look forward to hearing from you.

*Kind regards,
Matt Western*