

Basis of the Joint Archive Service relationship

It is one of the overriding principles that the **Parties should not end up with a service which costs more than it currently does to provide.** So for the cost of operating the single shared service, the organisation currently paying the least will represent the common denominator and the corresponding percentage contribution calculated from that. For example, DCC has the lowest current operating budget and therefore represents 40%. If this is less than FCC is currently paying, that Party may choose to contribute more to the single shared service but they would not be obliged to.

In respect of the operation of the asset outside the county boundary, during the life of the building it is proposed that FCC to retain freehold for the land and the building and DCC will enter into a lease with FCC outlining clearly the terms of the shared occupation of the building. This lease would be for 25 years to begin with, pepper corn rent, and periodic review periods and the opportunity to renew at the end of 25 years or expire. Cost sharing will be done based on population- currently 60/40 and reviewed in light of any new census data. Considering the end of life of the building, it is proposed that DCC would not seek any return from sale or otherwise of the asset as the initial investment of capital by DCC, over the 25 years of operation, would have delivered a benefit to the organisation over and above any sort of return from sale.