

**Decision No 2014/03**



REPORT TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE

REPORT BY: ALAN BROWN – HEAD OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS

DATE: 9 APRIL 2014

TITLE: AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION (ANPR)

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Support for Windows XP is expected to cease in October 2014 and both ANPR equipment and Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) require an upgrade to Windows7 ; this effects both the Road Policing Unit and Armed Response Vehicle mobiles as well as some fixed legacy sites. These upgrades are essential and if not undertaken Lancashire will lose all mobile ANPR capability and some legacy sites.

Research has been undertaken and a solution to purchase both hardware and software is available through the existing MDT supplier and ANPR manufacturer ,NDI.

#### RECOMMENDATION

The PCC is asked to :-

- (i) approve the inclusion of a scheme in the 2014/15 capital programme for the upgrade of Windows functionality for ANPR at a cost of £0.122m with a transfer of provision from the ANPR Data Storage Capacity Increase project to fund this cost.
- (ii) waive the requirements of Contract Standing Order No 3 to allow an order to be placed with the existing MDT supplier and ANPR manufacturer, NDI, to ensure compatibility with existing equipment.

**Decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire:**

<b>Original decision, as set out in the attached report, approved without amendment</b>  (please delete as appropriate)	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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**Original decision required to be amended and decision as detailed below:**

**The reasons for the amended decision are as detailed below:**

**Police and Crime Commissioner: Comments**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The PCC is asked to consider any personal / prejudicial interests he may have to disclose in relation to the matter under consideration in accordance with the law, the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct.

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The recommendations are made further to legal advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation.

<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b>  <b>Date:</b>	<b>Signed:</b>  <b>Chief Officer:</b>  <b>Date:</b>
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## APPENDIX A

### AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION (ANPR)

The former Police Authority and partners have previously supported the Constabulary in developing ANPR, with provision included in previous years' capital programme to introduce sites across the county.

It is now considered appropriate to refresh the strategic assessment of ANPR capacity and capability and develop a long term strategy for ANPR as a means of addressing cross border criminality and maximise efficiencies in carrying out investigations which are proven benefits of ANPR. This work is currently being carried out and a further report will be provided on this in the near future.

The approved capital programme for 2014/15 includes the following schemes in relation to ANPR :-

Scheme	Value (£m)
General provision carried forward from 2013/14	0.102
Upgrade Legacy Sites	0.180
Data Storage Capacity Increase	0.210
Total	0.492

In view of the work now being undertaken the Chief Constable proposes to defer expenditure in the above areas.

However a particular issue has now arisen as a result of the preparatory work to manage the risks of support for Windows XP ending in October 2014 for which there is no specific provision within the 2014/15 capital programme.

ANPR equipment and Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) operate on XP operating system and therefore require an upgrade to Windows7 ; this effects both the Road Policing Unit and Armed Response Vehicle mobiles as well as some fixed legacy sites. These upgrades are essential and if not undertaken Lancashire will lose all mobile ANPR capability and some legacy sites.

Research has been undertaken and a solution to purchase both hardware and software is available through the existing MDT supplier and ANPR manufacturer, NDI.

It is necessary to waive the requirements to seek competitive tenders to carry out this work because of the need to ensure that the hardware is compatible with the software and that the implementation is carried out effectively. The proposed supplier ensures the continuity and therefore operational resilience is maintained.

The Procurement Department are in agreement with this proposal.

The requirement is as follows :-

	£m
3 computers ( capture cards, software, reader software and installation)	0.014
Upgrade 50 M-PC3 MDT Units	0.017
Purchase 25 new M-PC MDT Units	0.085
Purchase Back Office Encryption Software	0.006
Total Cost	0.122

The Head of ICT has been consulted and supports this solution.

In order to fund this essential requirement it is proposed, subject to the agreement of the PCC, to utilise £0.122m of the funding of £0.210m for the Data Storage Capacity Increase. IT is also proposed that the remaining £0.088m be retained in the capital programme in respect of data storage until the outcome of a national project looking at a new national data centre in 2015 is known. This project is likely to offer a national database that will supersede the requirement for local provision and if this is the case this funding may then become available for alternative use.

A further report will be submitted on the emerging ANPR strategy in due course with potential options for funding the necessary expenditure.