



POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

DECISION 2019/11

DATE: 26 JUNE 2019

TITLE: POLICE ICT COMPANY

REPORT BY: IAN DICKINSON

Executive Summary

To seek a guarantee from reserves to underwrite the Police ICT Company's role as a contracting authority for major technology programmes, as accepted and approved at the APCC Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2018.

Recommendations

The Commissioner is recommended to agree to provide a guarantee from reserves to underwrite the Police ICT Company's role as a contracting authority for major technology programmes, as accepted and approved at the APCC Annual General Meeting on 18 July 2018.

Signature

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 26 June 2019

PART I

1. Background

- 1.1. At the APCC Annual General Meeting on 18th July 2018, PCCs accepted and approved proposals to provide a guarantee from PCCs' reserves to underwrite the Company's role as a contracting authority for major technology programmes. It was agreed that the amount set aside by each PCC should be based on a collective guarantee of £5M with each PCC guarantee based on the *Net Budget Requirement* for each force, as this best reflects the financial status of each force.
- 1.2. Securing the guarantee will enable the Company to operate in its agreed role as a contracting authority at scale in order to deliver increased savings to Commissioners and manage the services that the national programmes are building on behalf of policing.
- 1.3. It is appreciated that some PCCs still had reservations about the governance of the Company and in particular asked for consideration to be given to the need for an increased role, with greater influence, for PCCs on the Company Board.
- 1.4. In this regard, the Commissioner will recall that in November 2018 he agreed to the proposal to increase the number of Police and Crime Commissioners on the Board from six to seven and reduce the number of places available for co-opted Directors from three to two.
- 1.5. The risk to Lancashire's reserves will only materialise in the unlikely event that subscribers to the contracts fail to pay their invoices within the payment terms set out. Most subscribers are police forces and Company members and CFOs have already agreed to become actively involved where there are delays. Having this guarantee in place will help to satisfy potential suppliers of the financial stability of the Company while it grows and builds its own reserves. A suitable and common approach to accounting for the guarantee will be agreed with CFOs through PACCTS.

2. Police and Crime Plan

- 2.1. Securing the guarantee will enable the Police ICT Company to deliver increased savings to Commissioners and support the effective use of technology incorporated into the Police and Crime Plan.

3. Implications

- 3.1. Legal
- 3.2. Financial

Based on the *Net Budget Requirement* for each force the amount of credit available to the Company from Lancashire amounts to £112,699.00. Any payment made under this guarantee will be funded from the Commissioner's reserves.

3.3. Equality considerations

None to consider


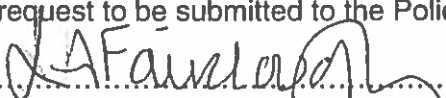
4. Background Papers

None.

5. Public access to information

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Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	 27.6.19
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer) I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature..........Date.....27.6.19.....</p>	

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