



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR THAMES VALLEY

REQUEST FOR DECISION – PCC 2015 / 019

Title: Contract(s) for Software Renewals Service via SCC

Executive Summary:

This paper requests the approval and signature for a 12 month extension of Specialist Computer Centre's (SCC) Software Renewals Service to Thames Valley Police's collaborative ICT function, so as to ensure ongoing support is maintained to all critical ICT services prior to the letting of a suitable replacement contract.

Recommendations:

The PCC is invited to agree to sign the attached Software Renewals Contract via SCC, on the basis that it remains a legally compliant option and a suitable replacement contract will be let before April 2016.

The value of the contracts permits a maximum spend of **£2.6m** over a 12 month period, though no minimum spend requirements apply.

Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature

Date 18.6.15

1. Introduction and background

This paper concerns the approval of an extension to Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police's Software Renewal service contract extension.

This contract currently supports the renewal of all application maintenance support, licensing and licensing compliance services across both forces and encompasses a maximum spend of up to circa £2.6m per annum – with no minimum spend commitment.

It was the intention of both Forces' to tender a suitable replacement contract prior to April 2015, however a significant programme of Business / ICT change and the lack of available skilled resources to both compile and let the contract resulted in a significantly delayed implementation.

As part of the Procurement and ICT Procurement strategy review the intention is to now let a suitable replacement Software renewals contract, in combination with both forces Hardware purchasing and support contract, in September 2015 – with a targeted contract go live date of April 2016.

2. Issues for consideration

Alternative contracting solutions, negating the need for extension, have been reviewed – including mini-competition, direct award via a suitable alternative framework and option to bring services in-house have all been explored. Again resourcing and skillset limitations in addition with other business project priorities limit any possibility to achieve this in the extremely tight deadlines available.

Thus the only immediately available option remains to extend the existing contracted service, so as to not unduly impact on any critical services.

It should be noted that failure to maintain services in their current form represents a significant legal compliance and operational risk, threatening EU procurement compliance regulations and the Forces' ability to effectively maintain applications support for critical services and systems - such as command and control, ICCS, Airwave, Microsoft Service etc..

3. The collaborative approach

This is a joint contract with Hampshire Constabulary

4. Financial Implications

The maximum value of spend under this contract is £2.6m. This sum can be contained within existing budgetary provisions in Hampshire and Thames Valley.

5. Legal comments

This contract can be extended for a further 12 months in accordance with the Sprint II Model Contract by way of a Contract Notice Change. Under the terms of Part 10,

the contract can be effective for up to seven years, and we are well within this period.

6. Equality comments

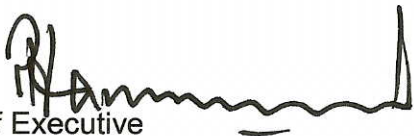

No specific issues to report.

7. Summary and Recommendations

It is recommended that the attached contract document is urgently countersigned so as to maintain key services, in the knowledge that the approach remains both legally compliant and a suitable replacement contract will be let prior to the expiry of the attached extension.

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Procurement Advice	Rob Hillier	
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Financial Advice	Linda Waters	

OFFICER'S APPROVAL

We have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report.	
We are satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner	
 Chief Executive	Date 12/06/2015
 Chief Finance Officer	Date 12/6/15

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