

PCC Decision Report

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Title of report: CSI Tablets
Area of County: Serious Crime Directorate Stakeholders Affected: ACC Nick Downing
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1. Purpose of report

Approval of funding to provide tablets to the Essex CSIs

To procure 48 mobile tablet devices for Essex Police Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs) to support mobile, agile working and provide the business benefits afforded by the device, through access to applications and systems. This is in line with the both the device allocation model and the Windows 10 agile strategy.

2. Recommendations

Approval of funding to procure 48 tablet devices and data enabled smart phones, following an invitation to tender. Kent already have approved funding, this bid will enable the provision of comparable devices and systems access to their Essex counterparts and enable fully collaborative business processes to be implemented across the CSI function.

Essex Cost	1718 (£,000)	1819 (£,000)	1920 (£,000)	2021 (£,000)	21/22 (£,000)	Total (£,000)
Capital	38.4					38.4
Revenue	9.6	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2	38.4
Total	48.1	7.2*	7.2*	7.2*	7.2*	76.9

The CSIs currently utilise MiFi units, which will no longer be required, creating a 'saving' of £4k per annum, which will reduce the ongoing additional cost (above) to £3.2k* per annum. The £3.2k is a net growth per annum in revenue.

3. Benefits of Proposal

This proposal provides the funding to address the Health and Safety concerns raised, as well as supplying CSI's with the appropriate tools to benefit from current technology, allowing them to have greater connectivity and access to the various systems, whilst out in the field.

The benefits areas are:

- Currently the CSI's take hand written notes and input them into the corporate applications when they return back to the office. Enabling CSIs to input via mobile devices would represent an annual efficiency saving of between **£42k-£84k** across the forces' joint Serious Crime directorate CSI team.
- By having the devices it would free up further time for Staff to cope with increasing demand or undertake other tasks instead of duplicating work (hand-written notes and later system entry).
- Tablets were identified as more suitable devices for CSI usage through H&S risk assessments, as lightweight devices can be held for longer periods and operated on without causing fatigue, resulting in potential reduction in sickness abstraction.
- An improved service with higher availability of staff and efficient technology at scenes to support and transmit evidence, ensuring OICs receive information pertinent to their enquiries expeditiously, in order to improve the opportunity for detection and reduction of harm.
- Access to 'live' STORM will enable CSIs to be redirected through proactive tasking to higher priority cases that are reported after they are deployed from the police site.
- Access to emails, SAP, STORM and Socrates, to increase their ability to remain in the field for longer and cover more demand.

4. Background and proposal

Tablets have been identified as the most appropriate device for CSIs. Coupled with data enabled smartphones (in line with device application policy), they will provide light, usable, remotely connected devices, enabling CSIs access to corporate systems away from police sites, to enable them to remain out in the field for longer.

5. Police and Crime Plan

(Demonstrate how the issue is relevant to the Police and Crime Plan and any other relevant strategic plans.)

Essex PCC Police and Crime Plan: ' The PCC will encourage the force, partners and wider sectors to help identify innovative solutions to drive both efficiency and effectiveness, particularly in areas such as technological enhancements...'

This is an extension of the Mobile First and Agile working strategies that the forces are currently following, enabling best use of the CSI's time (resources) by ensuring they are connected to the forces system for tasking, communication and reporting results back, which in turn will support more effective investigations and reduce further harm or victim impact.

6. Police Operational Implications

There are no negative operational implications, the positives are described in the paper, and aim to improve the information flow from and to Operational Policing from the specialist CSI function.

7. Financial Implications

Charles Garbett - *as per attached detailed business case.*

8. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications.

9. Staffing and other resource implications

CSI Tablets will be delivered by the Fast Track Infrastructure Modernise project as part of the Windows 10 Agile devices roll out.

10. Equality and Diversity implications

None

11. Background papers

CSI Tablet Full Business Case (Version12.)

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