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## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 027-18
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Covert Management System Replacement
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> Essex
<b>Report by :</b> ACC Nick Downing <b>Date of report:</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2018 <b>Enquiries to:</b> Stuart Hooper

### 1. Purpose of report

This proposal is to fund a replacement for the Covert Operations Source Management Operating System (COSMOS) with an advanced commercially available system. Law enforcement uses its powers of investigation, and covert authorities, to protect the public, preserve life and prevent and detect crime.

The use of covert techniques enhances Kent & Essex Police's ability to manage the highest risk areas of policing directly supporting the core values of each Force including safeguarding vulnerable people and detecting crime. Moving to a Commercial product will enable the forces to achieve the benefits of a platform product with a wider range of functionality and networking with the Eastern Region and share the costs of development of new and legislative requirement functionality and the mitigation of paper based application risk.

### 2. Recommendations

Approval of funding to replace the existing in house built CoSMos System with a more advanced commercially available system to ensure we are able to comply with The Investigatory Powers Act, which received Royal assent in November 2016, and will be subject to a phased implementation up to September 2018 necessitating a new workflow.

### **3. Benefits of Proposal**

- Will maintain the compliance standards of both forces during IPCO inspections
- A replacement system would mean that the application for covert tactics would be available to all, rather than those who have been COSMoS trained and have Net C and COSMoS access.
- Will reduce the transportation risk of sensitive intelligence papers and travel costs
- Will provide an opportunity to deliver a centre of excellence model for covert policing

### **4. Background and proposal**

The new Investigatory Powers bill comes into effect in September 2018; COSMOS will not be fit for purpose at this time. A replacement system is required as soon as possible to cope with the legislative changes that will be required. September would be desirable; however, this is not likely to be feasible.

### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

The efficient management and administration of these covert techniques is essential to deliver the priorities of the Chief Constables and PCCs whilst improving public confidence in a sensitive area of policing subject to continued national scrutiny.

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### **6. Police Operational Implications**

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**7. Financial Implications**

<b>f. SUMMARY OF COSTS (Essex)</b>						
	2018/19	2019/20	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	TOTAL
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Capital</b>						
System Costs	350					350
Infrastructure Costs	50					50
Back Record Conversion	40					40
<b>Revenue -</b>						
System Support and Maintenance	32.5	65	65	65	65	292.5
Annual reoccurring server licence	4	4	4	4	4	20
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>476.5</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>752.5</b>

Capital Stage 1 - £308k included in MTFs, Stage 2 – additional £132k to be funded from forecast capital reserves in 2018/19

Revenue – 2018/19 funding provided in MTFs. For 2018/19 onwards will be included within the MTFs

**8. Legal Implications**

*None*

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

*None*

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

*None*

**11. Background papers**

*Business case – Essex & Kent Covert Management System Replacement*



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CASE - Covert Mana

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Chief Executive/M.O

Sign:

*[Signature]*

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DAVID LAWSON

Date:

12 APRIL 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign:

*[Signature]*

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Abbey Gault

Date:

13/4/18

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2. Of Appendix

YES

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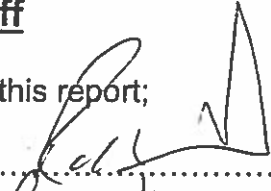
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**Decision and Final Sign Off**

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