



Decision Sheet

Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority Decision Report

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Report reference number: 062-18 <i>(Please contact Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for a reference number)</i>
Government security classification (e.g. Not protectively marked/Official - Sensitive):
Title of report: Control Room Systems Collaboration Decision
Area of County/Stakeholders affected: Control Room
Report by : Matt Furber Date of report: 20/04/2018 Enquiries to: Paul Gardiner and Lois Bean

1. **Purpose of report**

The board is requested to consider that the contracts in place in connection with electronic software systems and infrastructure currently in use by Essex Police (EP), Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue Service, within control rooms for the deployment and management of resources, be made accessible to Essex County Fire and Rescue Service (ECFRS) to support replacement of similar systems in the ECFRS control room.

2. **Recommendations**

[REDACTED] This will enable ECFRS to explore and potentially proceed with a direct procurement from the existing providers of services to attain common systems across all four local services, providing continuity across the

sector with proven robust systems compliant to the requirements of the wider COSMOS (Communication Systems, Mobilising and Operational Solutions) programme.

3. Benefits and Costs of Proposal

- Four organisations utilise the same systems.
- Reduced cost in the administration of multiple systems.
- Alignment of contracts to reduce excess cost of short term extensions to support co-termination.
- ESN compliant solution.
- Reduction in ongoing costs for continued connectivity to Airwave network and potential reduction in future costs in ESN (Emergency Services Network) connectivity.
- Full procurement process not required (A compliant procurement process will be followed)
- Provide a future platform for collaborative working.

4. Background and proposal

The Contracts for ECFRS' Control Systems are due to expire in November 2019 (Frequentis ICCS) and January 2020 (Remsdag CAD). The duration of both contracts is five years fixed term, without an option to extend. Because of the contract end dates, there is a need to re-tender to ensure the Service complies with the contractual regulations, either through a full re-procurement process or by re-procuring just provision of Support & Maintenance services. It is not an option to extend the existing contracts.

Alongside this requirement, the Government is replacing the Airwave communications system used by all emergency services with a new ESN under the Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP). The current timescales for ESN deployment now enable ECFRS to procure new ESN compliant Control Systems within the required timescales, thereby significantly reducing the risk to ECFRS of the current Control Systems.

5. Strategic Priorities

The Policing and Crime Act 2017 introduced measures which place a statutory obligation on emergency services to collaborate.

The Essex PFCC set out his commitment for joint governance and closer collaboration between ECFRS and EP in his election manifesto, which was endorsed by the people of Essex.

6. Operational Implications

- The training requirement for existing ECFRS operatives will be largely similar if any new control systems are brought in after a procurement process.

- The use of joint systems will facilitate more effective communication across services.
- To support the transfer of communications and information in resolving operational activities.
- Improved audit opportunities arising from single data source.

7. Financial Implications

At this stage financial information relating to the full procurement and implementation costs is not known.

8. Legal Implications

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

9. Staffing and other resource implications

[REDACTED]

10. Equality and Diversity implications

There are no equality or diversity implications highlighted in this paper.

11. Risks

The risks identified thus far are as follows:

[REDACTED]

12. Governance Boards

This proposal was discussed at the Essex Emergency Services Collaboration Strategic Governance Boards which took place on the 5th March and 10th April 2018. This board is attended by the Chief Fire Officer of Essex, the Chief Constable of Essex or his deputy and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner.

On March 22nd 2018, at ECFRS's Senior Leadership Team meeting, the paper 'Control Systems Option' was presented and a decision was passed by the SLT to support the sharing of software and infrastructure between the two control rooms.

13. Background papers

ECFRS SLT Paper – 'Control Systems Options', March 2018.

Collaboration Team Paper – 'Exploring the Feasibility of Control Room Collaboration', January 2017.

Decision Process

Step 1A - Chief Fire Officer Comments

(The Chief Fire Officer is asked in their capacity as the Head of Paid Service to comment on the proposal.)

I am content to support the recommendation

Joanne Tipton



24/01/2018

Step 1B - Consultation with representative bodies

(The Chief Fire Officer is to set out the consultation that has been undertaken with the representative bodies)

No consultation has been undertaken on this matter

so far

Joanne Tipton



24/01/2018

Step 2 - Statutory Officer Review

The report will be reviewed by the Essex Police Fire and Game Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority's ("the Commissioner") Monitoring Officer and Chief Financial Officer prior to review and sign off by the Commissioner or their Deputy.

Monitoring Officer

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Roy D. G. CARTER

Chief Financial Officer

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G.M. Guinness 29/1/2018

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- 2. Of Appendix YES/NO

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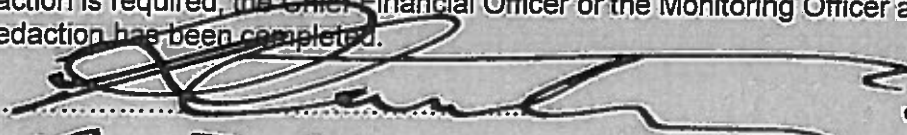
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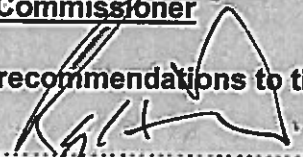
Step 5 - Decision by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

I agree the recommendations to this report:

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11/5/18

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