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POLICE, FIRE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR ESSEX

Decision Sheet

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

Please ensure all sections below are completed

Report reference number: 117-18
Government security classification (e.g. Not protectively marked/Official - Sensitive):
Title of report: Request for authorisation of Purchase Order for Home Office recharge of the Airwave Firelink Service.
Area of County/Stakeholders affected:
Report by : Dianne Perkins Date of report: 31/07/2018 Enquiries to: Dianne Perkins

- 1. Purpose of report**
To request that the Purchase Order ICT13703 value £806016 is appropriately authorised in line with the procurement rules.
- 2. Recommendations**
Authorisation of the PO is recommended as this allows the payment of invoices received from the Home Office for the Firelink Services.
- 3. Benefits and Costs of Proposal**
This is an administrative requirement to allow the prompt processing of invoices. Benefits are that it reduces the overhead of the finance teams whilst allowing the costs to be tracked.

4. Background and proposal

This is an existing and ongoing service provided through the Home Office, the request for approval of this PO is so that the invoices raised by the Home Office can be paid by ECFRS

Firelink is a wide area radio system developed by Airwave it has been used by Services in the East of England since 2009 and will be replaced by ESN. The contract for the service is between the Home Office and Airwave and was extended in January 2017 to the 31st December 2019. ECFRS are already committed to using the service provided under contract through the Home Office. This PO reflects our allocation of the cost relating to provision of the Firelink service as defined by the Home Office. This Purchase Order requirement is to support our own internal processes.

5. Strategic Priorities

None affected.

6. Operational Implications

None.

7. Financial Implications

The 'cost' of the service is allocated to us by the Home Office to cover the support and maintenance of Airwave Equipment and the infrastructure that supports it, currently our allocation is around £67168 per month and the PO amount for 12 months is £806016. However this amount can change subject to 'chargeable events' identified by Airwave, these are primarily maintenance calls that are found to be outside of the contracted service.

8. Legal Implications

None

9. Staffing and other resource implications

None

10. Equality and Diversity implications

None

11. Risks

None

12. Governance Boards

None

13. Background papers*None.*

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 confirm that I am in agreement with the recommendation

Step 1B - Consultation with representative bodies

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

Step 2 - Statutory Officer Review

The report will be reviewed by the Essex Police Fire and Crime 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

Sign: .. Paul R Field

Print: PAUL FIELD

Chief Financial Officer

Sign: G. McQuinn

Print: GLENN McQUINN

Step 3 - Publication

Is the report for publication? YES/NO

If 'NO', please give reasons for non-publication (state 'none' if applicable)

If the report is not for publication, the Monitoring Officer will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

Step 4 - Redaction

If the report is for publication, is redaction required:

- 1. Of Decision Sheet YES/NO
- 2. Of Appendix YES/NO

If 'YES', please provide details of required redaction:

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Date redaction carried out:

If redaction is required, the Chief Financial Officer or the Monitoring Officer are to sign off that redaction has been completed.

Sign:

Print:

Date signed:

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

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: 

Date signed: 

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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Sign:

Print:

Date signed: