

PFCC Decision Report

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Report reference number: 045-20

Classification: Not protectively marked

Title of report: Analytics for Everyone Funding

Area of County/Stakeholders affected: IT

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Date of report: 31 March 2020

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1. Purpose of report

As referenced in the month 10 financial monitoring report, to seek approval for the creation of an earmarked reserve for 2020/21 for the purpose of the Analytics for Everyone Funding.

2. Recommendations

At budget setting 2019/20 investment of £500,000 was assigned to Analytics for Everyone Funding. During the year, following completion of the procurement exercise, the in-year funding requirement has been confirmed as £228,230. The remaining one-off funding of £271,770 is no longer required and has been returned to central funds.

The procurement, bidding and contract discussions have been complex and time consuming for all parties and therefore the project timelines have slipped. Contract discussions are now completed, and the final contract will be signed shortly with the successful bidder. It is therefore requested and recommended that the one-off funding required for Analytics for Everyone is transferred to an earmarked reserve for use in financial year 2020/21, up to a level of £228,230.

3. Benefits of Proposal

The Analytics for Everyone capability will allow everyone in the force to use data from key sources such as Athena, Storm, and SAP to derive insight and make informed decisions as well as to create exciting and compelling visualisations. In

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addition, the tool will mainstream data analytics across the force allowing the Performance and Analysis Unit to concentrate on more complex specialist analytics and data science.

4. Background and proposal

In July 2019 Essex Police issued an Invitation to Tender (ITT) for a data analytics and visualisation tool that could be used at scale across the force to help everyone maximise the use of data to make decisions based on data driven insights. This project is a key deliverable under the Essex Police Data Strategy and the force vision of becoming digitally skilled, equipped and enabled.

The capability that the tool will provide is innovative and breaks new ground in policing and puts Essex Police at the cutting edge of data analytics in law enforcement.

The first year of the contract is at a higher cost to reflect the design, build, deployment and training and £228,230 is in a holding code for 2019/2020. It was anticipated that the first payment would be made within 2019/2020 and prior to implementation. However, additional complex discussions have caused delay and the initial payment will not now be payable until early in 2020/2021.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

6. Police and Crime Plan

The Analytics for Everyone capability will support every aspect of the Police and Crime Plan through the provision of data to support operational activity.

7. Police Operational Implications

As above the capability will support operational policing through the provision of data and data driven insights.

8. Financial Implications

Transfer the balance of 2019/20 one-off funding for Analytics for Everyone costs to an earmarked reserve for use in financial year 2020/21, up to a level of £228,230.

9. Legal Implications

None.

10. Staffing and other resource implications

None.

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11. Equality and Diversity implications

None.

12. Risks

Delay to the programme should the budget not be available for Analytics for Everyone.

13. Governance Boards

None

14. Background papers

None.

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:

Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 5 May 2020

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer

Sign:

Print: Elizabeth Helm

Date: 16 June 2020

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Sign:

Print:

Chief Executive/Treasurer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 19 June 2020

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Sign:

Print:

PFCC/Deputy PFCC

Date signed: