

PFCC Decision Report

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| Report reference number: 167-23 |
| Classification: Official |
| Title of report: Budget Amendment relating to the provision of Policing Services at Stansted Airport by Essex Police for the period 1 st April 2023 to 31 st March 2024 |
| Area of county / stakeholders affected: Essex Police - Stansted Airport / OPC Command Team |
| Report by: Ch Insp Scott-Haynes – OPC Command Team in conjunction with Paul Knapp – 7F Commercial and Samantha Jackson – Corporate Finance Chief Officer: DCC Prophet Date of report: 27 October 2023 Enquiries to: Stephen Scott-Haynes (stephen.scott-haynes@essex.police.uk), Samantha Jackson (samantha.jackson@essex.police.uk) or Paul Knapp (paul.knapp@kent.police.uk) |

1. Executive Summary

Decision report 008-23 secured the PFCC's agreement to an amended Police Services Agreement (PSA) for the period of 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2027 (five years). This decision report sets out the first of the annual updates to this agreement that will require PFCC approval.

The initial maximum annual charge for the first 12 months of the agreement was [REDACTED]. It was made clear that thereafter the annual charge would be reviewed each year in accordance with the terms and conditions of the PSA, with no set limitations.

An annual review of the budget requirements has been negotiated with Manchester Airport Group (MAG) and resulted in an agreed maximum charge of [REDACTED] for the 2023/24 financial year.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the PFCC approves and signs the Change Amendment document attached at Appendix 1.

3. Background to the Proposal

The background to this decision request is as per the Executive Summary shown above.

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

This is an annual amendment to the maximum budget provision to cover the costs of policing Stansted Airport. A revised budget has been set using higher ready reckoner rates to ensure no costs fall to Essex Police for the agreed establishment and revenue pressures.

5. Options Analysis

As this is for the provision of services to a third party by Essex Police, no further options analysis has been considered.

6. Consultation and Engagement

Consultation has been undertaken between the OPC Airport Commander, Essex Police Corporate Finance, 7F Commercial and MAG. There has been no other external consultation.

7. Strategic Links

The continuation of policing services at Stansted Airport supports the Police and Crime Plan in crime prevention by way of providing a policing presence at a 'designated' UK airport.

8. Police operational implications

Stansted Airport is a designated airport under the Aviation Security Act 1982. In accordance with the Act, the policing of the airport must be undertaken by Essex Police, with a PSA in place showing the services to be provided and the charges to be made as agreed between the parties.

9. Financial implications

The cost of the provision of these policing services at Stansted has been calculated by Essex Police Corporate Finance in accordance with NPCC guidelines and, for the 2023-24 financial year, is set as a maximum charge to MAG of ██████████, demonstrated in the table below.



As stated above, the annual charge will be reviewed each year in accordance with the terms and conditions of the PSA.

10. Legal implications

There are no additional legal implications associated with the recommendation contained within this decision report, bar the requirement to have a formal contractual agreement in place between the respective parties. No formal legal advice has been sought as this was deemed unnecessary for this agreement.

11. Staffing implications

There are no staffing implications associated with the recommendation in this decision report. The finances have been agreed to support an increase of 7 officer FTEs, to a total of 78 FTEs from within the existing OPC Command. However, it should be noted that this does not increase the force establishment of 3,755 FTEs as they were incorporated into the establishment in 2023/24.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

There are no equality, diversity and inclusion implications associated with the request to endorse the recommendation contained within this decision report.

13. Risks and Mitigations

As with any such agreement, there is a risk of disputes between the parties to the agreement arising from its interpretation. Mitigation of such risks is incorporated within the PSA (Section 14), wherein a dispute resolution process has been agreed.

14. Governance Boards

The new PSA document and subsequently this decision report have been discussed at the monthly PSA Review Meeting held between the Airport OPC Command, Essex Police Finance and 7F Commercial.

The matter was also discussed at the Essex Police Chief Officer Group (COG) on 20th September 2023.

15. Links to Future Plans

Any annual change to the budget will result in future decision reports being presented for approval. The second annual decision report will be presented before the commencement of the 2024/25 financial year.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

Decision report 008-23 (New Police Services Agreement relating to the provision of Policing Services at Stansted Airport by Essex Police for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2027)



Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the PFCC's Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:



Print: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 10 November 2023

Chief Finance Officer

Sign:



Print: Janet Perry

Date: 28 November 2023

Publication

Is the report for publication?

YES

NO

If 'NO', please give reasons for non-publication (Where relevant, cite the security classification of the document(s). State 'None' if applicable)

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

Redaction

If the report is for publication, is redaction required:

1. Of Decision Sheet?

YES

2. Of Appendix?

YES

NO

NO

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

Redaction of the cost figure shown in the 5th paragraph of the Executive Summary and in the 1st paragraph of section 9 (Financial information).

Appendix not to be published as this is protectively marked Restricted.

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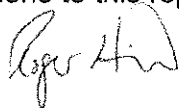
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Chief Executive / Chief Finance Officer

Date signed:

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 30/11/2023

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