

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 14/12/16

Officers present: Helen King, CFO

Received in OPCC Date: 13/12/16

OPCC Ref: Ex 80013/16

Title: Body Worn Video Investment

Summary of Issue:

Body Worn Video (BWV) is recognised by Leicestershire Police as a vital resource that has been implemented and used to great effect in operational policing.

The first purchase of BWV equipment was purchased in part due to a successful bid by Leicestershire to the national innovation fund. The following year, a successful Regional innovation bid enabled the force to increase their equipment further, with the added benefit of ensuring the most up to date equipment, consistent across the Region and Regional collaboration teams. Due to the demands of front line use, natural attrition and developments in technology, the force have reviewed their BWV stocks and allocated clear ownership of this equipment moving forwards.

Almost half of the current stock is from the initial innovation fund purchase and is end of life, the warranty is no longer applicable and these devices need replacement. Additionally, given the benefits of these devices for operational policing, new departmental needs for these devices have been identified and sound business cases produced. Furthermore, moving forwards a structured service plan to reduce service charges and ensure efficient cost effective resilience is required to be implemented by the Force.

By the time of the second round of BWV purchases from the Regional innovation bid, developments in the equipment led to a higher specification for the devices and consistency across the Region. The specification of these devices is still applicable at the current time.

In November 2016, the Change Board considered a detailed paper on the current BWV equipment; the status and requirements of the force's Body Worn Video equipment; replacement options and maintenance and Force ownership of equipment moving forwards.

The PCC and his CFO were in attendance at the meeting and significant scrutiny and challenge was applied to the paper by members of the Board present. The Board recognised the benefits of this equipment and acknowledged the improvements

required for ownership and maintenance programmes moving forwards.

Additional clarification was sought in the following areas from the Force which has now been received:

1. Potential costing options available – the PCC has been advised that these are available until 31/12/16.
2. Leicestershire's early adoption of the first release of the devices from the initial innovation fund enabled the Force to feedback improvements and developments and required innovation of the devices. This input helped shape the second release of devices which are used by the Region and Leicestershire.
3. The proposed replacement and increase in devices is consistent with the devices used in the Region, therefore ensuring coherence across the Region and Regional collaborations.
4. Departments not previously issued with BWV have put forward sound operational Business cases to the Force which are supported by the Change Board, chaired by the DCC.
5. There has been recognition of a service and maintenance package for these devices to ensure the maximum lifespan following the post warranty period. Budgetary provision is included for 17/18 to purchase the service credits that have been offered as part of this package.
6. The Head of Procurement has been consulted on the potential procurement and any queries raised by him before and at the Change Board have been addressed.
7. Other procurement options for similar devices have been reviewed, which are used in other national forces, but these have infrastructure, training and compatibility issues and the Force advise that the preferred option is to continue with the Reveal devices.
8. Whilst the Force has £68,000 of funding available for BWV for 2016/17, this is insufficient to meet the full costs of the request. Furthermore, the CFO has sought and received assurance from the Force Head of Finance that there will be additional provision for operational equipment replacements built into the budget moving forwards.

As at the 13/12/16, the Force requests funding from current year underspends within the Chief Constable's budget of £328,075 is used to procure replacement and additional devices. This comprises total cost of £396,075, which £68,000 is already set aside and provided for replacement in the Force 2017/18 budget.

Recommendations presented:

That the PCC approves the Force request for purchase of replacement and additional Body Worn Video equipment of £328,075 based on the operational case and requirements presented by the Force.

Key discussion points at meeting:

Discuss the original Change Board proposal, additional scrutiny and cost implications.

It was resolved that :

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Finance Officer:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Following the additional scrutiny, due diligence and questions asked and answers received, I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature



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Date

13/12/16

Publication Scheme

Decision of Monitoring Officer:

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that :

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the assessment of the decision by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes**

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Signature 

Name **ANGELA PERRY**

Date **14.12.16**

Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

Supported / Not-Supported

Signature 

Date **14.12.16**