

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 8/3/2024

Received in OPCC Date: 8/3/2024

OPCC Ref: EXE0008-24

Title: Azure Cloud contract (CONT0303)

Summary of Issue:

The current Azure Cloud contract (CONT0008) expired 26th November 2023 and we have procured a new Azure Cloud contract (CONT0303) with Insight Direct. The contract will be from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 and the maximum value is £277,000.00. The contract was procured by direct award using the Crown Commercial G Cloud 13 framework. We are asking the PCC to sign and seal the contract.

Background

IT require the deployment of Cloud data storage and associated services. The previous contract (CONT008) has expired 30th November and IT would like the new contract to start from 1st April for 1-year to match their forecasting and planning.

Tender Process

A search was made on Digital Marketplace for Cloud suppliers, using the following key words, Azure Cloud shell manage in Cloud hosting and received the following results:

Supplier name	Service name
Softcat Limited	Azure Cloud Shell
Nexus Associates (Ict) Limited	Azure Cloud Shell
Bechtle Limited	Cloud Shell
Insight Direct	Azure Cloud Shell

The Microsoft Azure agreement states that the Force will pay the Azure listed price minus the public sector discount from any of the resellers and the companies have quoted the following:

Bechtle	£0.01 per unit.
Insight Direct	£0.00 a licence per month

Nexus £0.00 a unit per hour

Softcat £0.10 a unit

We have a contract (CON979-32) with Insight Direct and there are synergies in having both contracts managed by the same contractor, with the pricing above being the same.

- We have other Microsoft contracts with insight and can align contract management activities which saves Leics. Police staff time (Procurement, IT, Change Team, Finance).
- Using insight also gives Leics. Police a combined single view of Microsoft spend and services which simplifies service and cost management.

IT have calculated the predicted spend 24/25 as:

Azure current run rate: £84k per year (£7k per month current actual baseline)

Storage/archive: £50k for yr1 (predicted, starting to count from Nov23)

Backup Azure servers/assets: £18k per year (predicted)

Migrations/data warehouse: £50k (guesstimate)

Total predicted spend £202k for 24/25

If DFU archive is added: £277k for 24/25

Recommendation(s) presented:

Procurement has recommended that we award the Azure Cloud contract to Insight Direct for a maximum value of £277,000.00. This has been approved by the Assistant Chief Officer (Finance & Resources) and we are asking that the PCC signs and seals the contract.

Key discussion points

The procurement complies with the Public Procurement regulation, that the contract represents value for money and is inline with the Force's decision to move data to the Azure cloud.

It was resolved that:

The Police & Crime Commissioner signs the contract and adds his seal.

OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL

Chief Executive or 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. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Signature:

Name: Kira Hughes

Date:12/3/2024

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 details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes**

Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation): None

Signature:

Name: Claire Trewartha

Date:14/3/2024

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:

Approved

Signature Rani Mahal

Date:17/3/2024