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REPORT / SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

PURPOSE: COMMISSIONER DECISION

Timing: Pressing

Title: Increase in Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) contract value

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Operational requirement

Executive Summary:

In 2012 a five year contract worth £1.019m for ANPR was awarded to Civica. It is now envisaged that the total spend under this contract will be £2.760m (see further details in the report below).

After considering the attached report, the Commissioner requested that the Chief Constable provide a value for money assessment of the ANPR contract. The Assistant Chief Constable carried out a review and provided the following feedback that supports the operational use of ANPR:

I have considered the use of ANPR and can confirm that I am also aware of the daily benefits that ANPR provides to the operational capability of the force to respond and deal with acquisitive crime, serious organised crime and community safety issues, such as monitoring sex and violent offenders and locating high risk missing people. I am more than satisfied that the provision of ANPR significantly contributes towards making Dyfed-Powys one of the safest places in the UK. ANPR provides opportunities in a rural force such as Dyfed-Powys, to use such systems in a manner that reduces the need for resources to be deployed on surveillance and other policing deployments. It also assists in intelligence gathering and of course in locating offenders quickly.

In essence, I have no doubt that any reduction or cessation in our ANPR provision would have a significant impact on the way in which we currently police and will have an impact on community safety and criminal justice performance. I therefore strongly believe that such expenditure is justified when considering the benefits that ANPR contributes to a rural force such as Dyfed-Powys Police.

Recommendation:

The Commissioner is asked to approve an increase in the value of the Civica ANPR contract from £1.019m to £2.760m.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

The above request has my approval / does not have my approval / I note the information contained within the report (delete as appropriate)

Signature:



Date:

21/8/2014



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POLICING BOARD REPORT

PURPOSE: POLICING BOARD SCRUTINY – REF. PAB.04.08.14.ITEM6

Timing: Urgent

(Specify date required and why, where possible)

Title: ANPR Contract Value

Category of Decision: Contract Amendment

Executive Summary:

In 2012 a new five year contract worth £1.019m for ANPR was awarded to Civica UK Limited.

Due to errors made in estimating the contract value in 2012 and due to there being an approved increase in scope of the ANPR project (approved in November 2013) the current contract value is insufficient to meet the ANPR strategy over the remaining life of the contract.

It is therefore recommended that the contract value be amended to £2.760m.

Also ANPR expenditure has not previously been monitored against the contract value and this has resulted in a current spend of £1.333m against the original contract value of £1.019m. In future, closer analysis of high value contracts will be undertaken to ensure that actual expenditure remains in line with both the budget and the estimated contract value.

Recommendation:

The Policing Board is asked to consider increasing the value of the Civica ANPR contract from £1.019m to £2.760m.

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

ANPR Contract Value

1. Background Information

The provision of maintenance and support of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) is provided by Civica UK Limited (Civica). The current contract runs from 1st October 2012 for five years with an option to extend for two further years on an annual basis. Civica was awarded the contract after a tender process fully compliant with EU/UK Procurement regulations.

Dyfed Powys Police Authority approved the award of the contract on 24th September 2012 and its £1.019m value was broken down as follows:

- £519k maintenance;
- £500k equipment (capital expenditure).

ANPR budget in 2012

At the time that the new ANPR contract was being discussed, the following budget (covering 1st October 2012 – 30th September 2017) was in place for ANPR:

	Budget*	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget*	Total
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue	160	238	238	238	238	78	1,190
Capital	341	175	75	75	-	-	666
Total Budget	501	413	313	313	238	78	1,856
Value of Contract							1,019

*Half year budget

Despite the five year ANPR budget totalling £1.856m, the ANPR contract was awarded with a contract value of £1.019m. This was an error and no explanation exists for the discrepancy. The paper seeking approval of the award of the ANPR contract submitted to the Authority on 24th September 2012 also summarised the budget position at the time.

ANPR budget post 2012

Subsequent to the award of the ANPR contract to Civica, the Commissioner approved a one-off budget virement of £408k to fund additional capital expenditure on ANPR in the 2013/14 financial year. This increased budget was to fund additional ANPR cameras in vehicles and to upgrade sites where older camera equipment were in place (Commissioner decision dated 28th November 2013).

Also, when the ANPR budget was put in place in 2012, the extent of the necessary technology refresh programme was not understood. Therefore since the award of the ANPR contract, the capital budget for ANPR for future years has been increased in order to maintain ANPR coverage at existing sites and to provide like for like replacement of equipment reaching the end of their useful life. The funding for the ANPR refresh programme has been made through identifying savings on capital projects in other areas of the force.

The current ANPR budget (with actual spend inserted for 2012/13 and 2013/14 in order to provide a five year comparison) is:

	Spend	Spend	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget*	
	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Revenue	249	250	241	243	246	118	1,347
Capital	144	690	100	160	180	130	1,404
	393	940	341	403	426	248	2,751

*Half year budget to end of contract

Spend to date against budget

A total spend of £1.333m has been spent against the contract in 2012/2013 and 2013/14 and this is broadly in line with the approved budget:

ANPR	£'000
Budget for 2012/13	501
Budget for 2013/14	413
Approved funding for additional equipment and upgrades	408
Total approved budget	1,322
Actual expenditure to date	1,333

Whilst actual expenditure against budget is closely monitored, no checks were being made against the value of the contract. In future, closer analysis of high value contracts will be undertaken to ensure actual expenditure remains in line with both the budget and the estimated contract value.

Conclusion

ANPR expenditure appears to be closely monitored against budget and plans. However, in 2012 errors were made in calculating the value of the new ANPR contract. Also, previously, no checks were made on the level of expenditure against the value of the contract.

This has resulted in:

- the value of the current ANPR contract not being sufficient to meet the needs of the current strategy and budget;
- there being expenditure of £1.3m to date against a £1m contract.

It is recommended that an amendment be made to the value of the existing contract. The value of the Civica contract would need to be increased from £1.019m to £2.760m to meet the existing strategy.

Note: No value has been attached to the possible extensions to the contract as it would be prudent to retender the contract at the end of the initial five year period rather than opt for any extensions.

2. Options Appraisal

No other options have been considered at this stage.

3. Resource Implications

Implication	Detail
Finance	<i>No implication. The recommended increased contract value equates to the current budgets in place.</i>
Staff	<i>No staffing implication.</i>
Assets	<i>No implication on assets.</i>
Partners	<i>Civica will not carry out any further works until the contract value is increased.</i>
Timescales	<i>Pressing – ANPR programme is currently on hold.</i>
Leadership	<i>ANPR Manager will progress this issue once a resolution has been approved.</i>

4. Impact Considerations

Implication	Impact Considered (Yes/No)	Impact Identified
Legal	Y	No impact identified
Contribution to Police and Crime Plan	Y	Particularly priorities 1: Preventing and tackling crime and priority 3: Bringing people to justice
Risk Analysis	Y	Currently expenditure is outside of the current contract value.
Equality	Y	No impact identified
Human Rights	Y	No impact identified
Children & Young People	Y	No impact identified
Environmental and Sustainability	Y	No impact identified

National Park	Y	No impact identified
Media	Y	Any decisions made on this matter will be published

5. Appendices

None

6. Background / Supporting papers

None

7. Contact details

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9. Officer Approval

Chief Officer / Chief of Staff / Chief Financial Officer (Delete as appropriate)

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial and legal advice have been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this an appropriate request to be submitted to the Policing Board

Signature

Date 1st August 2014

