WYPCC – Briefing / Decision template

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SUBJECT OF ADVICE:

Summary:

Purchase of Chronicle (firearms deployment and training records system). As part of regional working it has been proposed that the 4 YatH forces should use the same firearms database and this report seeks approval for the purchase of said database.

This proposal has been discussed previously with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 4 February 2013.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that Chronicle is purchased for the benefit of West Yorkshire Police.

Consideration:

Firearms training is very different to any other type of training currently being delivered across the region. The complexity of the modular programme which has been designed to ensure all officers successfully attain their firearms permit (which provides them with the authority to use firearms) is the only one of its kind and has been developed in this way to ensure the safety of our people and the organisation.

To enable the region to move towards a broad structural collaboration around firearms, interoperability is needed. To obtain interoperability, a single regional Firearms Training and Deployment system is necessary.

The procurement of a regional web based product is essential to achieve a Regional Firearms Licence from the College of Policing and is the enabler that will help bind the region's response to Firearms and improve professional governance. Having looked at a number of systems to meet force needs Chronicle came out as the clear leader as it is the only system that has been designed specifically to link training records, deployment records and armoury access management

By sharing a common system to record training, experience, exposure and assets, the region will develop an improved shared understanding of roles, definition of incidents and standardised training. It will facilitate continuous improvement by enabling forces in the region to compare training and operational de-brief data recorded to common standards.

This enhanced understanding of threat and capability will improve our operational response and assist the region in identifying future collaboration opportunities.

Chronicle will enable a better understanding of the threat and risk, improve the audit of training and planning, and enhance operational response. It will provide instant access to accurate capability data which will include skills, accreditation, number of officers trained, equipment and vehicles, and operational deployments.
West Yorkshire currently use "Pheline" which is a short term "fix" and has key functionality shortcomings.

Discussions with all four forces took place on Tuesday 26th February to go through the costings for Chronicle, highlighting any changes to the previous business case and the reasons behind the changes. The written details of those changes are explained in the information below and can be viewed in the attached tables showing both previous and current costings

Three additional costs around the Oracle server were not originally included in the costings table - these are the Implementation Support, Database Server and Middle Tier Infrastructure, which will cost the region in total £4,070, £10,000 and £5,000 respectively (shared by the forces according to NRE).

The Oracle License Capital (£59,000) and Revenue (£8,000), and the South Yorkshire IT Service Desk cost (£12,000) have been split across the forces slightly differently, due to changes in NRE. We have now used the 2013/4 NRE figures to split these costs, which are Humberside 18.07%, North Yorkshire 13.48%, South Yorkshire 25.51% and West Yorkshire 42.94%.

The Sprint cost for West Yorkshire has lowered slightly, following confirmation from Procurement that because this is an "off the shelf" product, the cost should be 1.95% of the Chronicle costs, rather than the 2.2% that was originally calculated.

There was a mistake in the previous business case in relation to the sum calculations for West Yorkshire, with the total annual revenue listed as approximately £15k when it should have been nearer £18.5k. This means that the 5 year revenue total for West Yorkshire should have been over £17,000 more than was listed in the Business Case.

Additional licenses are needed for Chronicle users that were not factored in to the original costings. These licenses will provide full rights access but with no support from JML. These total £4,600 for West Yorkshire.

A Project Tolerance of £10,000 has been added in, as was agreed in the initial business case. This figure has been listed separately and not included in the total figures, but may be used in the event that unexpected, additional costs are incurred that were not realised in advance. This £10,000 has been shared across forces according to NRE.

These factors combined result in total, 5 year cost differences as follows, to the original figures as presented in the Business Case:

West Yorkshire: £30,025.01

The PFI project included the provision of this database however we have not been able to definitively identify the costs for Chronicle from the costs of the PFI. The PFI has however agreed to develop costings for Chronicle and reimburse WYP in the future, thus ensuring that WYP are not effectively paying twice for the same item.

Affordability

The full cost to West Yorkshire as previously submitted was £158,791.67. It is now £188,816.68.

The proposal has previously been considered by the West Yorkshire Police Command Team who support the operational purchase of this database as the best option.

Supporting and dissenting Views:

The following persons have been consulted:

WYP Command Team
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