

Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Chief of Staff

REFERENCE: OPCC.D.010.16

TITLE: Mobile Policing – Voice & Data

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Kent Police and Essex Police currently have a 'business as usual' voice and data contract with EE. This includes a 2GB data limit and voice tariff with a monthly cost per user that equates to £14.50. There are additional charges if individual officers exceed the data limits. These charges are capped at £50 per user per month. With a total of 4,200 new mobile devices (2,000 in Kent), there is a very real risk that such an arrangement may not be cost effective due to the likelihood of officers exceeding the data usage limit.

The provision of a 'super bundle' or 'bucket of data' is a more cost effective way of buying this service. The existing arrangement means that some officers don't use their 2GB allowance, and yet there is no rebate. However, for those who do exceed the monthly data allowance, there are excess charges. With a 'bundle' of data all users draw down from the overall allowance for Kent and Essex. There would also be flexibility to carry over unused data and to buy additional bundles.

Existing usage has been used to estimate that a total data allowance of 200TB should last both forces two years and the existing market has been explored in terms of cost and coverage.

Kent Police and Essex Police currently use EE and receive sufficient, quality coverage. EE have also been awarded the Emergency Services Network (ESN) contract. As a result, it is proposed to make a direct award to EE through the Crown Commercial Services framework at a two year cost of £556k for Kent (£1.113m for both forces). This is a contractual saving of circa £140k for Kent, plus the financial benefit of not having to pay a charge for those exceeding the monthly data allowance.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner is recommended to approve the purchase of voice and data from EE to support the effective deployment of mobile devices and deliver value for money.

DECISION

To make a direct award to EE through the Crown Commercial Services framework for a 'super bundle' at a two year cost of £556k for Kent.

Chief Finance Officer: N/A.

Comments:

Signature: **Date:**

Chief of Staff:

Comments: As mobile usage develops, officers will begin to use data more readily and costs could easily escalate. This option offers both a cost effective and to a large degree future proof Kent Police against additional cost.

Signature: **Date:** 16/9/2016

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT

Comments:

Signature: **Date:** 27/9/2016

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Report from Programme Manager – Mobile First.

<u>IMPACT ASSESSMENT:</u>	
Police and Crime Plan <i>(please indicate which objectives decision/recommendation supports)</i>	Supports delivery of the Commissioner's Six Point Plan through investment in new technology and ensuring value for money in the use of public funds.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>(If yes, please include within background documents)</i>
Will the decision have a differential/adverse impact on any particular diversity strand? <i>(e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion/belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity)</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The decision is administrative in nature. Therefore, it does not have a differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity.