

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 10th November 2022

Received in OPCC Date: 10/11/22

OPCC Ref: EXE0034-22

Title: CONT0202 Handheld Airwave Kits

Summary of Issue:

Procurement are looking to make a direct award to Sepura Limited for 2,200 x Handheld Radio Bundles, 4,400 x Accessories and 2,200 Licence Packs using the Police Digital Service (PDS) Airwave framework and due to the value require PCC contract signature and sea the contract.

Background

The recent announcement by ESN to delay the project for at least 3-years leaves the Force with the challenge of maintaining officers and staff radios. The existing fleet of radios will not last that long and the Force will have significant challenges simply dealing with continual defects and moving old and new radios around the force to keep officers and staff operational.

The current PDS framework which guarantees radio prices expires 14th November 2022 and it is anticipated that prices will increase significantly thereafter.

The Force therefore need to procure new handheld airwave radios using the existing PDS framework urgently.

Tender Process

The PDS framework allows for a direct award where we are able to identify the most economical advantageous supplier without conducting a further competition and we have received further advice from PDS as follows:

“Direct award the Framework only requires a force to determine that the business need can be met by the available Framework Catalogue (including Price Drop) and the Call-Off Terms and Conditions do not require material amendment. If you can meet these two requirements, the risk of challenge, and that challenge being successful, is considered low by PDS.

In your case Leicestershire are buying standard product off catalogue from an existing technology provider on (i) value for money grounds i.e. cost of change, a switch to Motorola would require a full radio fleet swap out and (ii) system interoperability issues of running a mixed Sepura / Motorola fleet.”

IT have received approval from Paul Dawkins, Assistant Chief Officer (Finance & Resources) and Rupert Matthews, Police and Crime Commissioner to buy the equipment and licences.

Sepura have quoted a price of £1,378,998.00

Recommendation(s) presented:

I recommend that we award a contract for Handheld Airwave Kits to Sepura for a price of £1,378,998.00

Key discussion points

The procurement route complies with the Public Procurement regulation and we can make a direct award to Sepura using PDS Airwave framework.

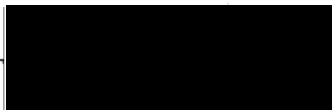
It was resolved that:

We sign and seal CONT0202 Handheld Airwave Kits contract opportunity with Sepura for a price of £1,378,998.00 and send them a contract by 14th November.

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:9/11/22

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 report proposing this course of action prepared 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**

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

Signature: 

Name: Elizabeth Starr

Date:9/11/22

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 

Date:11/11/22