

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 7/2/2023

Received in OPCC Date: 22/2/23

OPCC Ref: EXE0006-23

Title: CONT0168 Smart Storm Contract

### Summary of Issue:

The current Storm, Command and Control support and maintenance services contract with Sopra Steria Ltd (reference no. CON855), expires 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. The existing Storm contract price is £189,097.57 a year.

It was agreed with the Project Change Team and Contact Management, to make a direct award using a HTE COM-IT framework agreement for a new Smart Storm application via the reseller SCC. This has been approved by Paul Dawkins, Assistant Chief Officer (Finance & Resources) and the Exec Group, through a Business Case.

I'm requesting that the Police & Crime Commissioner signs and adds his seal to CONT0168 Smart Storm contract.

### Background

The HealthTrust Europe ICT Solutions 2019 (ComIT 2) Framework Agreement allows for a direct award via SCC and the benefit of this route is as follows:

Whilst in contract over the last 10 years, Leicestershire Police have developed a Command and Control system with SOPRA Steria. Similarly, eighteen other police forces have also done the same, utilising the Steria Storm platform and its services as their core command and control solution.

Smart Storm application is offered as an on-prem solution and is successfully embedded within Leicestershire Polices virtual IT environment. Currently, the solution integrates with 13 separate systems and solutions across Leicestershire Police enabling automated data and intelligence sharing via integration and collaboration.

Across the UK, twelve police forces have completed or signed up to the roadmap upgrade to Smart STORM. Through engagement with multiple forces that have opted for the upgrade, the vast majority have concluded that the upgrade offered stability and confidence in the solution and outlined the decision as a risk-based decision.

If we went out to procure a new command and control system, the cost to the force is estimated between £3/£5 million and with an extended timeframe for delivery of potentially 4/5 years. The existing application becomes unsupported in December 2026 and the timeframe to procure a new platform would take us very close to this date if not beyond. For ESN readiness the Force need a stable Control Room with all upgrades.

**Tender Process**

SCC have quoted £232,988.40 a year with a CPI inflationary increase each year for a three-year contract, which can be extended for two further periods of 1 year, which equates to £1,164,942.00 plus CPI indexation (including the optional extensions).

SCC have exclusive rights to sell the Sopra Steria Smart Storm application and therefore is not available to be procured elsewhere.

The process is a direct award using the HTE COM-IT framework agreement.

**Recommendation(s) presented:**

That the Police & Crime Commissioner signs and seals the Smart Storm contract with SCC.

**Key discussion points**

The procurement complies with the public procurement regulations and the Force's policies and procedures. The contract meets the Force's requirements and is value for money.

**It was resolved that:**

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

**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:9/3/23**

**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:**

**Date: 16/3/23**

**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: 23/3/23**