

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 14/6/23

Received in OPCC Date: 14/6/23

OPCC Ref: EXE0023-21

Title: CONT Body Armour

Summary of Issue:

A new contract is required for the provision of Body Armour for Officers and Staff.

Background

All Police Forces currently supply to Officers and staff "65-11" standard Body Armour under the Home Office Body Armour Standard 2007. That standard will be replaced by the Home Office Body Armour Standard (2017). Currently all outstanding back orders with manufacturers of the 65-11 (2007 standard) are able to be supplied however from October 2023 it is expected that Forces will supply Body Armour to the 171-10 2017 standard.

That 2017 standard is H01/KR1 for Leicestershire Police (H01 protection against handgun ammunition fired from short barrelled firearms. 9 x 19mm Full Metal Jacket (FMJ) and 9 x 19mm Jacketed Hollow Point (JHP). KR1 is base knife protection level with an impact energy (24 joules). In addition during the work undertaken with DHL and their supplier extended knife protection around the shoulder area has been developed and this additional protection for Officers has been signed off by the Chief Officer Team in Leicestershire Police. The standard will be known as HO1/KR1/SKP. This additional protection is above that provided by the new 2017 standard.

Leicestershire Police had been working with DHL under the National Uniform Managed Service to supply Body Armour under the new 171-10 2017 standard however the Force has served notice on DHL and will exit NUMS on 31st March 2024. As part of that exit Leicestershire Police have declined to take forward the offer of the supply of Body Armour via NUMS and DHL's successful supplier for the provision of Body Armour .

Leicestershire Police therefore has to source the supply of Body Armour by alternative means. Two choices existed:-

- 1 A direct award under an Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation Framework to Cooneen
- 2 Undertake a further competition under a Bluelight Framework

Option 1 was not considered as it was un-clear if this route to market was acceptable without a challenge from other suppliers being received.

Option 2 was agreed as the route to market. It should be noted that West Midlands Police are also exiting NUMS and the provision of Body Armour via DHL. They have also assessed both routes to market and have also decided to undertake a further competition under the Bluelight Framework.

Tender Process

There are three suppliers on the Bluelight Framework for Body Armour:-

Discussions took place between Leicestershire Police and Bluelight Commercial to design the further competition. Only 1 response was received.

Pricing

Item	Cost	Current costs
Black full body armour with SKP (M) (Cover, front and back HO1/KR1/SKP panels with SKP Shoulder protection)	£359.38	£247.12
Black full body armour with SKP (F) (Cover, front and back HO1/KR1/SKP panels with SKP Shoulder protection)	£306.54	£208.40
Black covers only with SKP (M) (Cover with SKP shoulder protection)	£85.69	£26.41
Black covers only with SKP (F) (Cover with SKP shoulder protection)	£84.73	£26.41
White cover option	£45.58	£26.41
A fixed cost to Train up to 3 people to measure/fit armour at Force Headquarters, Leicester	Free of charge	No current costs

The current costs OF Body Armour under the 2007 standard 65-11 do not include the additional knife protection (SKP) we are receiving from the 2017 171-10 standard.

The supplier has offered to provide free of charge a measuring/fitting training day at Force Headquarters for three staff.

Recommendation(s) presented:

Paul Dawkins, Assistant Chief Officer (Finance & Resources) has approved the recommendation for an estimated annual value of £202,500 and a total 7 year contract value of £1,417,500

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 Bluelight Commercial call-off document.

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: 19/6/23

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 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: Andrew Champness Date: 22/6/23

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 Date: 22/6/23

Rani Mahal