

# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE *DECISION RECORD*

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## DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

Date: 19/3/2023

Received in OPCC Date: 19/3/2023

OPCC Ref: EXE0012-24

**Title: Tasers - Conducted Energy Devices (CED) contract**

### Summary of Issue:

The current Taser contract (CON918) expired 12th March 2022 and Bluelight Commercial have awarded a new Taser framework with Axon Public Safety UK Limited, as the sole supplier.

Leicestershire Police has been reviewing the future planning of Conducted Energy Devices (CED) for front line officers and COT have approved the purchase of 100 X2s on a payment plan, plus live and test cartridges.

Axon require a five year contract to be signed and the contract value is £1,504,146. The contract will need to be signed and sealed by the Police Commissioner.

### Background

The current Taser contract (CON918) expired 12th March 2022 and Bluelight Commercial have awarded a new Taser framework with Axon Public Safety UK Limited, as the sole supplier. The framework commenced 24th August 2023 and expires 23rd August 2025, with two optional extensions of 1-year.

Leicestershire Police has been reviewing the future planning of Conducted Energy Devices (CED) for front line officers and COT have approved purchase of 100 X2s on a payment plan, plus live and test cartridges. Axon require a five year contract for a value of £1,504,146.

### Tender Process

The Home Office has awarded the Taser (CED) framework to Axon and the award states the following:

*The Home Office is creating a Framework Agreement on behalf of the National Policing Lead for Less Lethal Weapons.*

*The Framework Agreement will be open other contracting bodies described in the Contract Notice and includes the Metropolitan Police Authority; Police Crime Commissioners; the Northern Ireland Policing Board; the Scottish Police Authority,, Police Scotland; the Greater London Authority (or a functional body within the meaning of the Greater London Authority Act 1999), the Police Forces of the United Kingdom and the Channel Islands; Home Office, British Transport Police; Ministry of Defence Police; College of Policing; the*

*Civil Nuclear Constabulary, the National Crime Agency and any other Government department*

*Only one supplier who is authorised to supply such devices in the UK. Also the only supplier who can meet the operational requirements.*

[Conductive Energy Devices Framework Agreement \(ojeu.com\)](http://ojeu.com)

**Recommendation(s) presented:**

That the Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire signed and seals the Tasers - Conducted Energy Devices (CED) contract.

**Key discussion points**

The procurement complies with the Public Procurement Regulations and is value for money.

**It was resolved that:**

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

**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:20/3/2024**

**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: Claire Trewartha**

**Date:21/3/2024**

**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: 22/03/2024**

**Name: DPCC Rani Mahal**