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| **OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER** | **DECISION NO: PCCG-2023-024** |
| **LEAD CHIEF OFFICER:** | ACC Mark Hobrough |
| **TITLE:** | The purchase of TASER 10 Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) and Associated Equipment |
| **DATE:** | 3rd January 2024 |
| **TIMING:** | Urgent |
| **PURPOSE:** | For approval |
| **1.** | **RECOMMENDATION** |
| 1.1 | It is recommended that the Commissioner approves a call-off contract to purchase TASER 10 as replacement CEDs plus associated equipment.  |
| **2.** | **INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND** |
| 2.1 | Gwent Police need to replace their existing CEDs by March 2025 due to their end of life. |
| 2.2 | The national framework agreement is a single supplier arrangement, let by the Home Office on behalf of forces and offers substantial savings if a purchase plan is agreed by 31/12/23. |
| 2.3 | The agreement includes an offer to purchase the Taser T10 at a discount of 20% on 2023 pricing. Currently the Home Office, NPCC, Dstl (Defence Science and Technology Laboratory), SACMILL (Scientific Advisory Committee on the Medical Implications of Less-Lethal Weapons) and the College of Policing are engaged in a project to look at whether the TASER 10 is suitable to be deployed operationally in the UK. If the testing and evaluation process is successful it is likely that the TASER 10 will be authorised for use within the first six months of 2024. |
| 2.4 | If TASER 10 is not approved for use in the UK, all Call-Off Contracts entered into during the Offer Period will be void. In this case, an alternative CED model could be purchased. This mitigates any risk of committing to the T10 device. Therefore, subject to approval, this decision provides a solution to the need to replace the current stock of CEDs. |
| 2.5 | The other options considered were i) to do nothing and maintain the current X2 device stock but this would not satisfy the need to replace our existing CEDs by March 2025; or ii) to purchase the T7 taser device which does not offer the same advantages. |
| 2.6 | ACC Hobrough is content that Gwent’s force position can be different to the Joint Firearms Unit’s position. |
| **3.** | **ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION** |
| 3.1 | Whilst this purchase is a commitment, it will realise substantial savings for Gwent Police and if approved, will meet the need to replace the current CEDs by 2025. |
| **4.** | **NEXT STEPS** |
| 4.1 | Upon approval, a purchase order will be raised for the 5 year plan.  |
| **5.** | **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS** |
| 5.1 | ACC Hobrough confirms that the Gwent position for purchase is in line with the mid term financial plan for Gwent and has been reviewed by the ACO-R.  |
| 5.2 | The total plan cost is £1,063,186.50 over 5 years. TASER 10 is a firm commitment to purchase at quantities and prices stated in the agreement and can only be cancelled due to non-approval of TASER 10 CED. |
| 5.3 | Customers retain the right to adjust requested delivery dates at any time from the date of approval of TASER 10 until 31 December 2024 within a 30-day notice period of the requested ship dates on Call-Off Contract, subject to availability. |
| **6.** | **PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS** |
| 6.1 | n/a |
| **7.** | **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS** |
| 7.1 | The national framework agreement is between the Home Office and Axon Public Safety UK, the supplier, with a provision for forces to call-off under the framework. The agreement has not been reviewed by Joint Legal Services.  |
| **8.** | **EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS** |
| 8.1 | This report has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Strategic Equality Plan and has been assessed not to discriminate against any group.  Consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report. |
| **9.** | **RISK** |
| 9.1 | That the TASER 10 is not approved for use in the UK, but in this event, the call-off contract entered into during the offer period will be void and an alternative CED would be purchased. |
| 9.2 | There is potential for two different models of CED to be in place but ACC Hobrough is content that the differences and training issues can be worked through, involving the Regional Taser CFI (Chief Firearms Instructor) |
| **10.** | **PUBLIC INTEREST** |
| 10.1 | This document will be made available to the public on the Police and Crime Commissioner’s website. |
| **11.** | **CONTACT OFFICER** |
| 11.1 | Sian Freeman, Head of Commercial ServicesCh Inspector Ryan Francis, Specialist Operations |
| **12.** | **ANNEXES** |
| 12.1 | n/a |

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| **Office of the Chief Constable**I confirm that the purchase of TASER 10 Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) and Associated Equipment report has been discussed and approved at a formal Chief Officers’ meeting.It is now forwarded to the OPCC for approval purposes. |
| **Signature:** NS - signature |
| **Date:** 05.01.2024 |

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| **Acting Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent**I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct.The above request has my approval. |
| **Signature:** |
| **Date: 07/02/2023** |