

**DECISION NO: PCCG-2014-004**

**OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**TITLE: Criminal Justice Intervention Services**

**DATE: 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

**TIMING: Routine. Response required by 30 January 2014**

**PURPOSE: For decision**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>RECOMMENDATION</u></b> The purpose of this report is to seek approval for funding for a further twelve months for criminal justice intervention services.
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>INTRODUCTION &amp; BACKGROUND</u></b> In 2010 Newport County Council (as Lead Authority) on behalf of the Community Safety Partnerships of Blaenau-Gwent, Caerphilly, Newport, Torfaen & Monmouthshire awarded a three year contract with an option to extend for a further two years for criminal justice intervention services delivered by crime reduction initiatives. The contract is available for use by Gwent Police who is a member of the community safety partnership.  In November 2012 the budget for the Drug Interventions Programme was transferred to the Commissioner along with responsibility for 3 staff members to commission the service.
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u></b> Newport County Council is in the process of extending the contract for the final year, 1 April 2014 until 31 March 2015 and has been informed of the Commissioner's intention to utilise the contract during the extension period once funding has been approved.
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>NEXT STEPS</u></b> On approval of the funding Newport County Council will be informed of our continued requirements during 2014 – 2015.
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> The value of the contract from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 will be £637,192.00. Following negotiations with CRI an annual cost saving of £30,000 has been achieved. The value of the contract for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 will be £607,192.00.
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u></b> There are no personnel implications.
	<b><u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u></b> This report has been submitted in line with the EU Directives and the Manual of Governance

8.	<p><b><u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u></b></p> <p>This project/proposal 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 particular group.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to the requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the Human Rights Act 1998 in preparing this report.</p>
9.	<p><b><u>RISK</u></b></p> <p>Failure to award CRI would leave service users vulnerable as the contract is due to end March 2014.</p> <p>Generic services within Gwent are running at capacity therefore no provision would be available to take on DIP clients, many of whom are vulnerable.</p> <p>Awarding a new contract under the current terms and conditions would not be in the public interest as there is cost savings to be made by collaboratively working with other Regions and/or APB/Probation/NOMS to jointly commission a new integrated service</p>
10.	<p><b><u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u></b></p> <p>Following approval of this report by the OPCC, this document will be made available to the Public.</p>
11.	<p><b><u>CONTACT OFFICER</u></b></p> <p>Paula Corfield, Interim Head of Procurement</p>
12.	<p><b><u>ANNEXES</u></b></p> <p>None</p>

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<b>Consultation:</b>	<b>Tick to confirm (if applicable)</b>
<b>Financial</b> The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>OPCC (insert name)</b> The Chief Executive has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct and consistent with the PCC's plans and priorities.	✓
<b>Legal</b> The legal team have been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
<b>Equalities</b> The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
<b>Chief Executive/ Deputy Chief Executive:</b>  I have been consulted about the proposal and can confirm that financial, legal, equalities etc... advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.  I am satisfied that this is an appropriate report to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent.	
<b>Signature:</b>  S A B...	
<b>Date: 27/01/14</b>	
<b>Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent</b>  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.	
<b>Signature:</b> 	
<b>Date:</b> 30. 01. 14	

