

DECISION NO: PCCG-2014-006	
<u>OFFICE OF POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER</u>	
TITLE:	Airwave Handheld Equipment Refresh (Including Operation ISMAY requirements)
DATE:	24 January 2014
TIMING:	Decision required by 31 January 2014
PURPOSE:	For Approval
1.	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the hardware refresh of Airwave Terminal Equipment via the Metropolitan Police Framework Agreement SS3/10/156 for the Provision of Airwave Radio Terminals, Accessories and Managed Services to Sepura, in accordance with paragraph 20 of the Manual of Corporate Governance.
2.	<u>INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND</u>
2.1	The Metropolitan Police Service awarded a framework for the Provision of Airwave Radio Terminals, Accessories and Managed Services. The framework commenced on 12 December 2011 for four years and is available for all public bodies to utilise.
2.2	The original Sepura SRP2000 handsets were purchased and deployed in 2006 following a further competition under the Metropolitan Police Framework. It was determined by the Radio Project that periodic equipment refreshes would be needed to ensure the Airwave Radio non-covert handsets remained pertinent. The previous refresh was undertaken in 2009. The period for handsets was set at 5 years, which was considered to be the working life of Terrestrial Trunked Radio (TETRA) terminals, supported by the warranty periods allowed by the manufacturers. The next refresh is due in 2014.
2.3	In accordance with the Ordering Procedures specified in the framework an evaluation of our requirements and rates and charges was undertaken. Out of the six suppliers in the relevant lots only two were able to supply the equipment required. The lowest cost supplier is Sepura.
3.	<u>ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION</u>
3.1	An order will need to be placed by 31 January 2014 to achieve a delivery date of March 2014, ahead of the requirements for Operation ISMAY.
4.	<u>NEXT STEPS</u>
4.1	If recommendation is approved the purchase order will be raised and issued to Sepura and a roll out programme will be implemented. Most of the requirements are for the Force as the programme will replace the current Airwave handsets, however, there are elements that are specific for Operation ISMAY and for which funding will be provided from central government.

5.	<u>FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
5.1	<p>Business As Usual Requirement Cost of handsets £609,000 Customer care package £73,500 Batteries £105,000 Sub total £787,500</p> <p>Additions to Improve Force Functionality Individual Short Subscriber Identity Rental £10,000 Sepura Standard Earpiece £12,000 Sub total £22,000</p> <p>Additions for Operation ISMAY Battery charger and batteries £69,500 Sepura Extended Helical Antenna £8,000 Carry Case/Dock Set £40,000 Sub total £118,000</p> <p>Total Cost £927,500</p> <p>Total cost for the same equipment from the second supplier is £1,096,512.70.</p> <p>The funding is established in a sinking fund that has been developed on a rolling annual basis to meet the costs of the cyclical replacement programme. This replacement programme should provide equipment for the period to 2018/19 when the national Airwave Replacement Programme is planned for implementation.</p>
5.2	<p>This refresh offers a cost saving of £205,946.00 compared to the previous refresh programme in 2009.</p> <p>The business case was submitted to the Business Tasking and Coordination Group in November 2013, the report was approved subject to clarification regarding the number of handsets. This information was provided and approval to proceed was given by the Assistant Chief Officer – Resources in January 2014.</p>
6.	<u>PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS</u>
6.1	The personnel implications relate to the Airwave team who will be responsible for managing the replacement programme for officers and staff.
7.	<u>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</u>
7.1	This report has been submitted in line with the EU Directives and the Manual of Corporate Governance.
8.	<u>EQUALITIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS</u>
8.1	This project/proposal has been considered against the general duty to promote equality, as stipulated under the Single Equality Scheme and has been assessed not to discriminate against any particular group.
8.2	In preparing this report, consideration has been given to requirements of the Articles contained in the European Convention on Human Rights and the

	Human Rights Act 1998.
9.	<u>RISK</u>
9.1	<p>The risks if the purchase is not approved are:</p> <p>Failure to supply refresh handsets may result in officers being unable to contact colleagues in policing situations creating service and personal risks to themselves and potentially the public.</p> <p>The Force would be unable to provide equipment for Operation ISMAY.</p>
10.	<u>PUBLIC INTEREST</u>
10.1	Following approval of this report by the OPCC, this document will be made available to the Public.
11.	<u>CONTACT OFFICER</u>
11.1	Paula Corfield, Interim Head of Procurement
12.	<u>ANNEXES</u>
12.1	None.

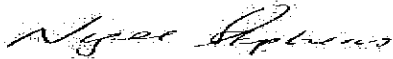
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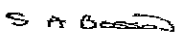
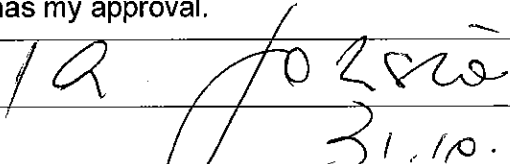
I confirm that **Airwave Handheld Equipment Refresh (Including Operation ISMAY requirements)** has been discussed and approved at a Chief Officers' meeting.

It is now forwarded to the OPCC for **approval**.

Signature:



Date: 24 January 2014

	Tick to confirm (if applicable)
Financial The Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
OPCC (insert name) The Chief Executive has reviewed the request and is satisfied that it is correct and consistent with the PCC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal The legal team have been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
Equalities The Equalities Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	N/A
Chief Executive/ Deputy Chief Executive: 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.	
Signature: 	
Date: 31/01/14	
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: 31.10.13.	