

RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE

Highways England technology in the OCC at Hindlip

Ref: PCC/D/2018/09

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To exploit the full capability of the new Operations Communications Centre (OCC), and to deliver a more resilient roads policing capability across the alliance with Warwickshire, continued support from Highways England is crucial. In addition to their support from the regional control centre, Highways England are committing to working within the OCC at peak times and when there are major incidents or adverse weather conditions. This arrangement can only work effectively if they have access to their systems and information.

£52,600 of capital investment is therefore required across the Alliance to ensure that Highways England IT systems are embedded in the West Mercia and Warwickshire Operations Communications Centre at Hindlip.

PROPOSAL

This proposal is to finance the £52,600 of capital expenditure, shared proportionately across the two areas, to ensure that Highways England can operate effectively within our region.

**APPROVAL OF
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed



PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES

SUPPORTING REPORT

To ensure the full capability of the new OCC is achieved, along with an improved ability to respond to incidents, and deliver a more resilient roads policing capability across the alliance, continued support from Highways England is crucial. In addition to their support from the regional control centre, Highways England are committing to working within the OCC at peak times and when there are major incidents or significant adverse weather conditions. This arrangement can only work effectively if they have access to their own IT systems and information in our OCC which will act as a satellite function to the regional control centre.

The approval of additional capital investment of £52,600 to be used for acquiring IT equipment and infrastructure to enable the connectivity of Highways England systems will ensure this can occur and will also help to improve communications and develop closer working relationships. This investment will be one-off expenditure, with no additional or ongoing costs associated with this work. It will be split across the two force areas in accordance with the usual agreed apportionment of 69% West Mercia : 31% Warwickshire.

This is a relatively small capital investment which will secure the cooperation of our main partner for the motorway and strategic roads network. The risks associated with the investment are low, but a failure to meet these costs could have significant repercussions.

Fuller details of the proposal are contained within the Part 2 report.

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

This work will be funded from within the capital programme, either from in-year slippage or the affordability envelope intended for future projects.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

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OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive Officer

Signature ...  . Date 02 May 2018