

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
WEST MERCIA**



**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE: eFinancials**

Ref: PCC/D/2019/17

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The eFinancials Suite is a critical finance system for numerous operations within West Mercia Police. It requires an upgrade to ensure its future viability.

The system upgrade is anticipated to enable and deliver a number of benefits for the force, including a cost efficiency across the medium term.

**PROPOSAL**

It is proposed that the Police and Crime Commissioner supports the upgrade of the eFinancials Suite within West Mercia Police.

**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

The current eFinancials Suite (eFins) provides the general ledger, purchase ledger and sales ledger for both West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police, along with budgeting and reporting capabilities.

The release of a newer version puts this current version on a 6-month de-support notice.

Following assessment of potential options (and associated costs and risks), it is recommended that eFins be upgraded to v5.5 on 01/01/20 with a fully managed (off-site) hosting delivery arrangement. This is expected to provide the following benefits:

- Retention of a fully supported critical system, complete with ancillary services to maintain it at an optimum level going forward
- Opportunity to strengthen commercial arrangements
- Ability to easily separate Warwickshire and West Mercia systems if required, at both commercial and technical levels
- Fully managed, off-site hosting delivery as per IT strategy
- Comparable annual support and maintenance contract between on-premises and off-site hosting
- Reduced set-up costs

The proposal to upgrade eFins and transition to a viable future platform is supported by West Mercia Chief Officers

### FINANCIAL COMMENTS

The support and maintenance costs for the Alliance will remain at £91,378 per annum in line with the existing contracted costs. West Mercia bears 69% of these costs

There will be increased revenue costs arising from this proposal. In the first year, these amount to

- Set up costs of £14,850
- V5 35 upgrade costs of £38,812
- Costs of hosted service of £24,367

West Mercia will bear 69% of these costs (£53840). This will be funded from savings or underspends in the 2019/20 budget should these be available in the first instance, and the Infrastructure Reserve if they are not

There is an additional recurring cost of £73,100. Under existing arrangements, West Mercia will bear 69% of this (£50439). These costs must be met from savings in the budgets from 2020/21 onwards

**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 ..... *Andy Chappell* ..... Date *16<sup>th</sup> April 2019* .....