



MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

MPS Labnet Support Renewal

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Report by Paul Taylor on behalf of the Chief of Corporate Services

Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper requests approval for an additional one-year Labnet support contract with an option for a second year.

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, via the Investment Advisory and Monitoring meeting (IAM), is asked to:

- 1. Approve the direct award of a contract to Logicalis UK&I via a valueadded reseller for Labnet support with a contract term of one year with a one-year extension option and a total contract value of £4,720k.**

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 31st August 2023. This is to ensure that subsidiary contracts can be renewed by 30 September 2023, to prevent loss of continuity in network services and in hardware warranties.

Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

Introduction and background

1. Labnet is a network with associated storage and server hosting capability that is used by Forensic Services in delivery of Digital Forensics / Investigations across multiple sites – currently 40+ MPS Locations. Labnet broadly meets current Digital Forensics functional needs and would be described as the ‘heartbeat’ of Digital Forensics providing the foundations to multiple strands of investigation.
2. A number of years has passed since Labnet delivery and the rapidly-increasing need for storage for forensic data has prompted a review for its future direction. This work is ongoing and will not be completed before support contract expiry therefore DDaT and Forensic Services have agreed to seek an extension to the existing support contract, via MOPAC as required.

Issues for consideration

This information is contained in the restricted section of the report.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2022-25¹

Digital Forensic services are business critical in enabling the MPS to carry out its objective of tackling crime and protecting the victims of crime and this supports the goals of the Commissioner's Turnaround Plan, More Trust, Less Crime and Higher Standards. Labnet functionality in turn is key to Digital Forensic services and investigations.

Renewing the Labnet support contract will enable Digital Forensics to ensure the MPS keeps pace with the changing nature of technology seized as evidence. This will enable the MPS to continually achieve the best outcomes in the pursuit of justice and ensure victims of crime are supported and receive a service they can have faith in.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

The services will be procured with a contract term of one year with further one year extension via a Value Added Reseller on a compliant public sector framework. The total contract value will be £4,720k.

Further financial and commercial elements of this recommendation, including the approved budget, are contained in the restricted section of the report.

Legal Comments

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime is a Contracting Authority as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"). All awards of public contracts for goods and/or services valued at £213,477 (inclusive of VAT) or above will be procured in accordance with the Regulations.

Paragraph 4.13 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime has delegated authority to approve all requests to go out to tender for contracts valued at £500,000 or above Populated upon decision. Upon approval by the MOPAC, the Director of Commercial Services may sign contracts irrespective of value, provided they are not required to be sealed (under 7.26 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation)

Equality Comments

This business case has undergone an initial Equality screening. Due regard has been taken to ensure compliance with the Equality Act in particular the Public Sector Equality Duty. Real consideration has been taken to assess Equality impact caused by the proposed business

¹ [Police and crime plan: a safer city for all Londoners | London City Hall](#)

case. As a result, no negative impact has been identified to any individual and/or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic and to those who are not, negating the requirement to document any mitigation.

As the intention of this document is to seek additional funding for an existing function (renewal), there is no real organisational change. Further reviews will be conducted and if any new Equality Impact is identified, a full Equality Impact Assessment will be initiated.

Privacy Comments

The MPS is subject to the requirements and conditions placed on it as a 'State' body to comply with the European Convention of Human Rights and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018. Both legislative requirements place an obligation on the MPS to process personal data fairly and lawfully in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.

Under Article 35 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Section 57 of the DPA 2018, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) become mandatory for organisations with technologies and processes that are likely to result in a high risk to the rights of the data subjects.

As this is an extension of an existing service, there are no changes to privacy implications.

Real Estate Implications

There are no Real Estate implications.

Environmental Implications

As this is an extension of an existing service, there are no environmental implications. This work does not impact delivery of the Mayor's London Environment Strategy² nor does it impact delivery of the London Anchor Institutions Charter.

Background/supporting papers

PCD 231 - Next Generation Forensics Infrastructure - July 2017

PCD 1084 - Digital Forensic Growth - December 2021

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Part 2 – This section refers to the details of the Part 2 business case which is NOT SUITABLE for MOPAC Publication.

The Government Security Classification marking for Part 2 is:

² <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/draft-london-environment-strategy>

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Part 2 of Labnet Support Renewal is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

- Exempt under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 (Data Protection Section 43 – Commercial Interests).