

PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

DMFD271

Procurement of SAFEcommand™ software

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The report contains information that is commercially sensitive. Publication of the information included in this report is deferred, as its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the London Fire Commissioner.

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:
31 October 2025.

Legal adviser recommendation on the grounds for not publishing information at this time:

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Legal Adviser – I make the above recommendations that this information should be considered confidential at this time.

Name:

Date:

Confidential decision and/or advice:

Introduction and background

The part 1 report for this decision sets out the background for the request to the Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and the Fire Service to authorise the London Fire Commissioner (LFC) to commit revenue expenditure of up to £1.576m to re-procure the Airbus SAFEcommand™ system, which includes modules for mobilising, guiding, messaging, crash recovery and risk information.

The SAFEcommand™ system is used to deliver and display mobilising information to crews on appliances, via mobile data terminals (MDT)s. London Fire Brigade has been using the SAFEcommand™ (formerly VMDS) system for several years, and it was last re-procured in 2020. The system is comprised of the primary software, middleware and support of the system. The existing contract expires in August 2025.

Financial comments

This decision updates DMFD264, which had proposed a three-year contract. This update proposes a five-year contract to the value set in Part 2 of the decision. Opting for a five-year contract offers financial incentives and licensing benefits, delivering an annual saving of £23,895:

Product	Five-year	Annual
Contract costs		
Airbus products	£ 1,155,675	£ 231,135
Crash recovery system	£420,100	£84,020
Total	£ 1,575,775	£ 315,155
Current budget		
Airbus products	£ 1,260,530	£ 252,106
Crash recovery system	£434,720	£86,944
Total	£ 1,695,250	£ 339,050
Saving	£119,475	£23,895

The total prices for three and five years for the Airbus support and maintenance are:

	Total price	Price per year
Three years	£756,240	£252,080
Five years	£1,155,675	£231,135

In addition to the above crash recovery system licences, pricing for the Bliksund CRS software is as follows:

	Total price	Price per year
Three years	£285,580	£95,193
Five years	£420,100	£84,020

Overall, the five-year option is £160k less compared to the pricing offered for three years.

This report recommends that revenue expenditure of up to £1,575,775 over five years (£315,155 per year) is agreed to re-procure the SAFEcommand™ system, which is used to deliver and display mobilising information to crews on appliances via MDTs. This agreement is due to start upon the expiry of the current agreement in August 2025.

The cost of this work will be solely funded by the LFC revenue budget, which is £1,695,250 over five years (£339,050 per year). There is sufficient budget cover for the agreement renewal across all years. An

underspend of £119,475 against budget is expected; this will initially be held as a contingency, and then reviewed as a potential saving in future years budgets.

Legal comments

Please see Part One for legal comments.