

## PART 2 – CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE

**DMFD167**

**Title: LFB OneRisk Solution – Agreement to Funding (Amended)**

*Information may have to be disclosed in the event of a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the event of a request for confidential facts and advice, please consult the Information Governance team for advice.*

**This information is not for publication until the stated date, because:**

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 (LFC), as the budget authorised to procure the service is commercially sensitive ahead of the completion of the procurement process.

**Date** at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:  
30 November 2022 (after successful procurement and tender award).

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

In the event the information contained in this Part 2 and/or its appendix is the subject of a request for information under section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act), it is considered that access can be denied on the basis that such information constitutes exempt information under:

Section 43(2) of the Act, on the basis that the information in this report includes information that is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

*Public interest assessment*

At present, on balance, it is considered that the public interest is best served if the information is not disclosed at this point. Disclosure by the LFC would be likely to have a detrimental effect on the LFC's position and related commercial interest regarding the expenditure incurred for the procurement of the OneRisk solution.

The eligibility of these exemptions should be reassessed in the event of a request under the Act for this information, as the level of sensitivity will change over time and different circumstances may alter the arguments in favour of non-disclosure.

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

**Name:**

**Date:**

*Once this form is fully authorised, it should be circulated with Part 1.*

## **Confidential decision and/or advice:**

### **Introduction and background**

Part 1 of this report sets out the background for the request to the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience to increase the amount authorised for the LFC to commit revenue over a 10-year period for the purposes of supporting and maintaining the London Fire Brigade (LFB) OneRisk solution during its operational life.

The part 1 report for this decision states that an additional £40,000 spend is required to pay for external legal fees relating to intellectual property rights; and an additional £37,500 for additional procurement assistance. The requirement for these combined additional expenses, £77,500, was omitted from the original paper.

The figure of £166,000 per annum as set out in Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience Decision 100 is used as a baseline for the ongoing support costs of the system. This amounts to £1,660,000 over the 10-year life of the proposed system.

### **Financial comments**

This report recommends that the LFC agrees to commit revenue expenditure of up to £1,660,000 over 10 years (ie, £166,000 per annum) from 2023-24, plus annual inflation increases, for the purposes of supporting and maintaining the LFB OneRisk solution during its operational life. This will be contained within the existing budgets for this item of £166,000 within ICT.

This report also states that there is a requirement for external legal assistance, at a cost of £40,000, and procurement assistance, at a cost of £37,500, in the 2022-23 financial year. This cost will be met from the "protection uplift" grant money provided by the Home Office. This has been transferred into the Fire Safety and Youth Engagement earmarked reserve, which had a balance of £6,512,000 as at the end of the 2021-22 financial year, with a forecast reserve use of £1,677,500 for the 2022-23 financial year including the proposals in this report. It is expected that annual inflationary increases will be based around the Retail Price Index. All LFC contractual inflationary increases are reviewed on an annual basis. The LFC budgets for inflation on an item-by-item basis, and the LFC will review those assumptions as part of its budget process for 2023-24. If inflation rates are above current assumptions, a resulting budget increase will need to be submitted as part of LFC's annual submission to the Mayor's GLA Group budget process and/or the contract will need to be reviewed to assess whether it is possible to reduce the annual cost via a reduction in service.

### **Appendix**

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