

**REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 298****Title: Airwave Radio Procurement – Continuation of Service****Executive Summary:**

This paper seeks approval to release £3.668m of Capital from allocated funds from the Home Office to procure 4,300 new Airwave radio terminals, associated accessories and a new radio programming solution to support front line police officers.

This procurement is to augment the existing fleet of ageing Metropolitan Police Service Airwave radio terminals to ensure all front line police officers continue to have fully supported and operational radio terminals providing mission critical radio communications on the Airwave Service up to the time the Metropolitan Police Service has successfully completed migration to the Home Office Emergency Services Network.

**Recommendation:**

The DMPC is asked to approve:

- The release £3.668m of the £3.98m of Capital from the Home Office to procure 4,300 new Airwave radio terminals, associated accessories and new radio programming solution to support front line police officers.

**Deputy Mayor for Policing And Crime**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature *Edie Under*

Date 15/12/17

## **PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC**

### **Decision required – supporting report**

#### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1. To ensure the Metropolitan Police Service maintains its capability to access the Airwave Service for the next three to four years will necessitate the Metropolitan Police Service augmenting its existing fleet of radio terminals. This augmentation will ensure that front line police officers can access the Airwave Service through to successful migration to the Home Office Emergency Services Network.

#### **2. Issues for consideration**

- 2.1. In addition to the procurement of the new radio terminals there is also a need to retain a capability to configure and programme radios that is compatible with both existing and proposed new terminals. This will be implemented through the provision of a new solution that will replace the existing and outdated system. This will also be available to reprogram radio terminals once the Metropolitan Police Service have transitioned to the Emergency Services Network and the terminals can be transferred to another Emergency Service (Police, Fire, and Ambulance).

#### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. This procurement will cost £3.668m, which is all capital expenditure and is entirely funded by Home Office funding allocated for this purpose. There will be no impact on revenue budgets as support and maintenance will be covered by manufacturer's warranties and the Managed Radio Service contract with Capita.

#### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. Under paragraph 5.12 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation approval is required by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime for all Metropolitan Police Service requests to go out to tender for contracts of £500,000 or above.

#### **5. Equality Comments**

- 5.1. As this procurement relates to an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity.

#### **6. Background/supporting papers**

- 6.1. Report.

**Public access to information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the MOPAC website within 1 working day of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

**Part 1 Deferral:**

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred ? NO

**Part 2 Confidentiality:** Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rational for non-publication.

Is there a **part 2** form – Yes

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

<b>Head of Unit:</b> The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
<b>Legal Advice:</b> There are no legal issues arising from this proposal.	✓
<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> There are no Equality and Diversity issues arising from this proposal.	✓

**OFFICER APPROVAL****Chief Executive Officer**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

*with delegated approval*  
**Signature** 

**Date** 14/12/17



**NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED**

**Investment Advisory Board**

**14<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**AIRWAVE RADIO PROCUREMENT**

**Continuation of Service**

**Report by: Angus McCallum – CIO, Digital Policing on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner**

**Part 1 (Open)**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper seeks approval to release £3.668m of Capital from allocated funds from the Home Office to procure 4,300 new Airwave radio terminals, associated accessories and new radio programming solution to support front line police officers.

This procurement is to augment the existing fleet of ageing MPS Airwave radio terminals to ensure all front line police officers continue to have fully supported and operational radio terminals providing mission critical radio communications on the Airwave Service up to the time the MPS has successfully completed migration to the Home Office Emergency Services Network (ESN).

**TIME-SENSITIVITY**

Timely approval to release funding will ensure that a purchase order is raised to start procurement activities required by the MPS and Capita to complete the procurement of radios to support front line policing.

**A. RECOMMENDATIONS – That DMPC approves:**

The release £3.668m of the £3.98m of Capital from the Home Office to procure 4,300 new Airwave radio terminals, associated accessories and new radio programming solution to support front line police officers.

**B. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

## **NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED**

To ensure the MPS maintains its capability to access the Airwave Service for the next three to four years will necessitate the MPS augmenting its existing fleet of radio terminals. This augmentation shall ensure that front line police officers can access the Airwave Service through to the time that the MPS has successfully migrated to ESN.

The provision of the new radio terminals must be such that they replicate the functionality and configuration of the existing radio terminals and where possible mirror the form and factor of the existing terminals. This will reduce / negate the need for any formal user training and ease the deployment of the terminal into operational service. To facilitate this procurement it is recommended to use the incumbent Managed Radio Services provider, Capita.

In addition to the procurement of the new radio terminals there is also a need to retain a capability to configure and programme radios that is compatible with both existing and proposed new terminals. This will be implemented through the provision of a new solution that will replace the existing and outdated system. This will also be available to reprogram radio terminals once the MPS have transitioned to ESN and the terminals can be transferred to another Emergency Service (Police, Fire, and Ambulance).

Capita will facilitate the procurement and bringing into operational service of the new Airwave radio terminals and the new terminal programming solution on behalf of the MPS. The new Airwave terminals and programming system will be available for operational deployment during 2018.

### **Benefits**

The recommended procurement of new terminals, accessories and new programming solutions will provide the following benefits:

- Operational radio terminal fleet that supports front line police officers with access to the Airwave Service for the next four years;
- Service support for the new terminals and new terminal programming solution incorporated in the Managed Radio Services contract at no additional cost;
- Extended warranties to support the new terminals incorporated in the purchase price; and

The use of the MRS contract resulting in uninterrupted service delivery to front line police officers.

### **Decision Sought**

Following PIB approval on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017, release £3.668m of Capital from allocated funds from the Home Office to procure 4,300 new Airwave radio terminals, associated accessories and new radio programming solution to support front line police officers.

## C. OTHER ORGANISATIONAL & COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

### Equality and Diversity Impact

13. As this procurement relates to an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity.

### Financial Implications

14. This procurement will cost £3.668m, which is all capital expenditure and is entirely funded by Home Office funding allocated for this purpose. There will be no impact on the revenue budgets as support and maintenance will be covered by manufacturer's warranties and the Managed Radio Service contract with Capita.

### Legal Implications

15. Under paragraph 5.12 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation approval is required by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime for all MPS requests to go out to tender for contracts of £500,000 or above.

### Risk (including Health and Safety) Implications

The risk associated with this procurement is considered "Low" from a Technical and Operational perspective. As the procurement relates to an existing contract this work does not change any aspect relating to Health and Safety.

### Consultation Undertaken

The following have been consulted in respect to this procurement:

Key stakeholder engagement (up to what level)	Supportive / Supportive with concerns / Not supportive / Not affected
CIO Digital Policing	Supportive
Director Commercial Services	Supportive
Director Finance	Supportive
Director Service Delivery	Supportive
Director Technology	Supportive

## **NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED**

### **Responsible Procurement**

16. Commercial Services have been consulted during the preparation of this paper. As this procurement relates to an existing contract this work does not change any aspects relating to responsible procurement.

### **PART 2: Exempt Section of the Report**

17. The Part 2 Exempt section is provided as a separate paper to be attached to this Part 1 as required.

### **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)**

18. Part 2 is exempt from publication under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 (Commercial Interest Section 43). .

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