

**POLICE AND CRIME
COMMISSIONER FOR WEST
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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Technology Task Force: Identification of Preferred Bidder for IIP Contract.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report outlines the decision to be made by the Chief Finance Officer in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (CFO) in consultation with the Chief Constable's Chief Finance Officer (FCFO) to announce Accenture (UK) Limited as the preferred bidder in relation to the IIP procurement.

This decision is taken in the absence of an acting PCC following the death of the PCC on 1 July 2014 and in accordance with the delegated powers set out in the Scheme of Governance as follows:-

- a) in respect of the CFO, the powers sub-delegated to the CFO (in accordance with paragraph 1.13) by the Chief Executive (CE) who is currently away from the office on sick leave (sub-delegation dated 7 July 2014) and, therefore, exercising the powers of the CE under paragraphs 6.2 to 6.6.15 of the Scheme of Governance; and/or in the alternative
- b) in respect of the FCFO the powers delegated under paragraph 7 of the Scheme of Governance; and/or in the alternative
- c) the powers set out under paragraph 9.1 of the Scheme of Governance (exercised by the CFO in his own right and through the powers delegated to the CFO by the CE).

Background

On Tuesday 1 July the Strategic Police and Crime Board were due to meet to enable the PCC to formally take a decision to announce the preferred bidder (and to subsequently execute the IIP contract). However, this did not proceed due to the unexpected death of the PCC.

Legal advice suggests that the decision to move to preferred bidder status (and subsequently to execute the IIP contract) should be made as soon as possible otherwise unnecessary risks are exposed. The legal advice taken is legally privileged and, therefore, not re-stated here. I have been provided with the necessary reassurance on the evaluation process which has been followed by West Midlands Police and West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime in the procurement.

For the avoidance of doubt the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner does not have the authority to make the decision to move to preferred bidder status, but assuming the Police and Crime Panel appoints an acting PCC at its meeting on the 14 July, the acting PCC will have the necessary authority to execute the IIP contract following the ten day mandatory standstill period required by procurement law.

Prior to making this decision I have consulted the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner, who supports the decision.

In making this decision I have considered the attached documents and had regard for the legal advice provided to me, including specific advice in relation to making such a decision in the period before the by-election for the new Police and Crime Commissioner.

DECISION

I have considered all of the relevant documentation and agree to announce Accenture (UK) Limited as the Preferred Bidder in relation to the IIP procurement in accordance with the ongoing management of the procurement process

Police and Crime Commissioner for West Midlands

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision.

Mike Williams

Chief Finance Officer

Signed...Mike Williams.....

Date ...08 July 2014....

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Despite an economic context of reducing public sector budgets, it is believed that improved service can be delivered through better use of technology and a renewed focus on customer service and organisational efficiency. These responsibilities of customer service, organisational efficiency and cost reduction sit at the heart of the Innovation and Integration Partner (IIP) concept.

The scale and complexity of the IIP project has required a full Competitive Dialogue as governed by EU procurement legislation. This process has been overseen by the Technology Task Force (TTF) on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) with assistance of additional legal, commercial and professional support.

The entire procurement process has been described in the Final Management Report for Innovation and Integration Partner (IIP) which is attached at Annex 1.

At the conclusion of the Innovation and Integration Partner procurement process the preferred bidder has been identified as **Accenture (UK) Limited**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The commercial construct of the IIP contract is such that the partner is required to find additional savings in year to fund the costs of their activity and deliver the cashable savings required to balance the budget overall. In this sense, the contract is self-funding and the partner is incentivised to minimise costs. In addition, achievement of the annual savings target is linked to the payments made to the partner so that if the annual savings target is not achieved an element of the annual costs due to the partner will be withheld. Furthermore, the annual running costs of the IIP are re-baselined every year giving assurance that the partnership is able to flex with the uncertainty of the medium term financial outlook.

The medium term financial strategy has earmarked up to £45m of revenue reserves to support the revenue budget up to the 2019/20 financial year, and up to £25m of capital investment to fund the projects the IIP will deliver. The price submitted by the preferred bidder has been prepared in compliance with this level of financial support from the Commissioner.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

I have been provided with legal advice relating to the decision recommendations. This advice is legally privileged.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct equalities implications in the making of this decision.

Schedule of Background Papers

Attached at Annex A.

Final Management Report for Innovation and Integration Partner (IIP)

Appendix A – Commissioner's Requirement Document

Public Access to Information

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.