

**WEST MIDLANDS POLICE  
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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

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Technology Task Force – Appointment of Legal Consultants

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

By decision 007/2013 authority was given to a procurement of business consultants to undertake a 4-week scoping study to facilitate the procurement of business and legal consultants to support the development of and the subsequent procurement of an Innovation and Integration Partner.

This decision relates only to the procurement of legal consultants and acknowledges the appointment of Pinsent Masons under the Government Procurement Service Framework for Legal Services.

**DECISION**

To confirm the appointment Pinsent Masons as Legal Consultants.

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**West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....Bob Jones.....

Date.....3 July 2013.....

## **NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

Decision 007/2013 authorised the procurement of business consultants to undertake a 4-week scoping study to facilitate the procurement of business and legal consultants to support the development of and the subsequent procurement of an Innovation and Integration Partner. That decision envisage the appointment of legal advisors to support the development and subsequent procurement of the IIP/IIP (ICT).

The decision envisaged that appointment would be by way of an invitation to tender which although applicable to the appointment of consultants for the scoping study is not recommended for the appointment of legal consultants.

The proposed approach to the appointment of legal consultants is by way of the Government Procurement Service (GPS) Framework for Legal Services which is the preferred procurement model for central government departments and is also available to public contracting bodies.

Law firms who have been accepted into the GPS Framework may be appointed without further competitive tendering.

In accordance with GPS Framework requirements Pinsent Masons were invited to submit a proposal in relation to speed of response, quality of work and charging. The firm has already provided services to the former Police Authority and the PCC on an entirely satisfactory basis and are recommended for appointment.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The fee rates are based upon hourly rates which are the same as those charged under the BPP programme.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The procurement is compliant with the PCC procurement rules.

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

The procurement frameworks used by the Force give consideration to equalities issues.

### **Schedule of Background Papers**

Report of the Technology Task Force as contained in WMPCC 007/2013

### **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.