

Decision Note – Airwave Core Contract Renewal



STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER
Police | Fire and Rescue | Crime

REQUEST FOR DECISION BY THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

	Policing:	Crime:	Fire & Rescue:
This decision relates to:	X		

APPROVAL (for completion by Staffordshire Commissioner only)

Rationale for approval

NATIONAL SITUATION RE ESN DECISION
LEAVES NO ALTERNATIVE OPTION.

STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

Signature

Date

6/11/19

Date decision required by: 25th October 2019

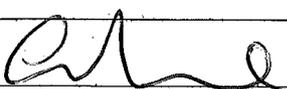
If an urgent approval is required, please state reasons:

For completion by Staffordshire Commissioner's Office only:-

Decision Number: 5CP/D/201920/007

Date Received: 20 December 2019

	Yes	No
Has the required decision been considered under the guidance of the Staffordshire Commissioner's Decision Making Policy?	✓	
Has the required decision been deemed to be a Key Decision as defined within the Staffordshire Commissioner's Decision Making Policy?	✓	
Who is empowered to make the required decision? <u>Staffordshire Commissioner</u>		

Title	Airwave Core Contract Extension (3100)
Summary:	
<p>Staffordshire Police currently have a contract with Airwave to provide Coverage and Menu Services for the Airwave Communication Network until the 31st December 2019, which was the intended national shutdown date of the Airwave network.</p> <p>Due to the delay in implementing the Emergency Services Network (ESN) it has become necessary for the Home Office to extend the national agreement with Airwave. The extension ensures the network is available until December 2022, allowing the necessary time for ESN to be delivered.</p> <p>Individual forces are now required to agree local contracts with Airwave to ensure the continuation of both Coverage and menu services beyond December 2019.</p>	
Recommendation:	
<p>To extend the current contract with Airwave until the regional transition to ESN with the option to extend further until national shutdown in December 2022 if required.</p>	
Chief Executive	
I hereby approve the recommendation for consideration.	
Signature	
Date	<u>25/10/2019</u>

REPORT AND ADVICE TO THE STAFFORDSHIRE COMMISSIONER

1. Introduction and background

Staffordshire Police currently have a contract with Airwave to provide Coverage and Menu Services for the Airwave Communication Network until the 31st December 2019, which was the intended national shutdown date of the Airwave network.

Due to the delay in implementing the Emergency Services Network (ESN) it has become necessary for the Home Office to extend the national agreement with Airwave. The extension ensures the network is available until December 2022, allowing the necessary time for ESN to be delivered.

Individual forces are now required to agree local contracts with Airwave to ensure the continuation of both Coverage and menu services beyond December 2019.

The charges levied by Airwave will remain unchanged with an annual pricing increase being applied each April.



2. Issues for consideration

The contract negotiation has been undertaken nationally for the benefit of all forces. The extension allows the force to continue with the coverage and menu services currently used.

The services to be contracted are Coverage and non-coverage menu services in-line with our current contract. A review of the contracted options has been undertaken to ensure all additional services are required to meet operational needs. The services contracted will also form the basis of the service delivery under ESN.

There are options to extend until the revised national shutdown date of December 2022 or until the regional transition date. The intention is to extend until our regional transition date, which at this time is unknown, with the option to extend further to national shutdown should this become necessary for operational reasons.

This ensures we do not over commit to Airwave whilst the full detail surrounding the transition to ESN is being developed.

3. What other options have been considered?

There are no alternative options to consider at this time as the Airwave service is mandated by the Home Office with the overarching contract negotiated centrally.

With the detailed implementation plan for ESN still in development, the recommended approach to ensure flexibility, whilst not over committing to the supplier, would be to extend our current services until the regional transition date with the option to extend to national shutdown if required.

4. Consultation and Engagement undertaken

Consultations have been undertaken with internal and external stakeholders to ensure the contract extension reflects the national, regional and local picture relating to the continued use of the Airwave network alongside the

development of the ESN programme. This engagement has ensured the recommended approach is flexible and does not overcommit in terms of contract length ensuring best value to the Commissioner. The consultees are as follows;

Internal

- Helen Holden – Head of Commercial
- Samantha Hunt – Commercial Business Partner (IT)
- Dawn Phillips – Finance Business Partner
- Insp Paul Johnson – Force ESN Lead

External

- Insp Vicky Quinn - Operational Communications in Policing (OCiP)
- Brenda Toothill – Business Relationship Manager – Airwave (Motorola Solutions - UK Managed Services)

Report Implications

Monitoring Officer comments:

None

Signature



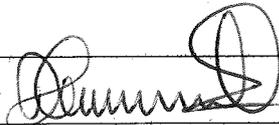
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Section 151 Officer comments:

None

Signature



Date

6/11/2019

Yes

No

Has legal advice (outside of that provided by the Monitoring Officer) been sought on the content of this report?

Legal Comments:

Not applicable

5. Equality Comments

Not applicable

6. Background/supporting paper

UCCN Agreement issued by Airwave (Motorola Solutions).

7. Public access to information

Attachments are not to be published as this outlines the coverage which may compromise operational effectiveness.		
8. Is the publication of this form to be deferred?		
Yes, until 1st December 2019 when formal agreement will have been issued to the supplier.		
9. If the report is for publication, is redaction required?		
	Yes	No
Of the Decision Note?	✓	
Of the Appendix?	n/a	n/a

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Author	Fiona Peel
Signed	<i>F. Peel</i>
Date	23rd October 2019