



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST:

For PCC Approval

Title:

Sign off and Approval for Police Innovation Fund Bids for 2014-15

Executive Summary:

On the 26th March 2014 the Home Office sent details to PCC's of the criteria for bidding into the 2014-15 Innovation Fund. The deadline for submitting all applications is the 30th April. A significant amount of work has gone into developing bids for assessment against the criteria set out by the Home Office. A review of all bids has taken place and the following are believed to meet the criteria, can be delivered within the timeframes of the funding and are expected to contribute towards the aims and objectives of the PCC.

Bids will only be considered by the Home Office where they are supported by the PCC and signed off by the PCC's CFO. The PCC is therefore asked to support making the following bids to the Innovation Fund for 2014-15:

1. **Expansion of Citrix Capability - Bid for £169k, PCC to contribute further £142k**
This bid is to expand the ICT infrastructure which creates a virtual environment capable of hosting multiple ICT systems which will generate savings through reduced hardware and licence costs, reduced energy use and reduction in administration costs.
2. **Web Chat and Knowledge Trial - Bid for £60k, PCC to contribute further £40k**
This project will enable Cleveland Police to explore new ways for the public and partner organisations to interact through the use of web chat and knowledge capability. Web chat will enable the public to engage with the Control Room online in real time.
3. **Resource and Service Modelling - Bid £175k, PCC to contribute further £126k**
This project will develop a demand management model initially for Cleveland Police and then expand to incorporate other agencies.
4. **Digitisation of business processes and enhancement of mobile capacity - Bid for £260k, PCC to contribute further £390k**
This bid is to further enhance the mobile capability of the Force through the provision of a local mobile application development platform. This will enable the creation of a solution capable of providing offline access to business critical information and procedures and also allow for future development of mobile applications.
5. **Improved Victim Support - Bid for £30k, PCC to contribute further £30k**
This project would engage the services of a behavioural science expert to review the communications and processes used, and then to recommend an approach that meets the needs of the victims and helps the victim to make the right decisions for them.
6. **Patient Records - Bid for £9k, PCC to contribute further £7k**
This project will provide health care professionals that work in Police custody suites access to the National Summary Care record via a secure NHS connection.

Decision:

The PCC is asked to support the 6 bids for funding from the Police Innovation Fund for 2014-15 for a total of £703k recognising that if all bids are successful that the PCC will contribute £735k towards these projects to ensure that they are locally owned and fully funded.

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's CFO where the decision has financial implications)

To ensure that these projects are locally owned, and to improve the chances of receiving the funding, PCC's realistically need to contribute more than 40% of the overall cost of each project. If the PCC were to be successful with all of the bids that are being submitted then the PCC would need to contribute £735k towards these bids. I am content through my own reviews and through discussions with the Force that this level of contribution is affordable within the budget for 2014-15 and will not require either any additional borrowing or reductions in services elsewhere.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

None arise

Equality and Diversity Implications

N/A

Human Rights Implications

N/A

Sustainability Implications

There are no on-going additional costs resulting from these projects however some are very innovative and 'pilots' may identify areas or services that might need development in the future.

Risk Management Implications

All grants that are awarded for 2014-15 will require expenditure to have been incurred in line with the project plans and will need to be delivered within the current financial year or the funding will not be received. The PCC could therefore be in a situation where delays mean that significant expenditure is not incurred in a timely manner and therefore the grant cannot be claimed which will increase the financial costs to the PCC.

Robust monitoring will be undertaken by the PCC's CFO of the financial progress of these projects to ensure that these risks are minimised, including liaison with the Home Office where necessary.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

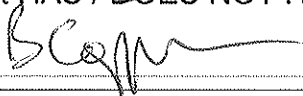
I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed: 

Date: 30 April 2014

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS / ~~DOES NOT HAVE~~ my approval.

Signed: 

Date: 30/4/2014

