

**Report of the Chief Constable to the Chair and Members of the Audit Committee
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Contract Standing Order 10 – Exceptional Situations and Procurement Performance Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1 Contract standing orders were revised on 22nd November 2012 following the introduction of the Police & Crime Commissioner. Members will recall that an update of the Contract Standing Orders was agreed at the March 2021 meeting of the Audit Committee. Contract Standing Orders state that "Utilisation of Contract Standing Order 10 or failure to follow contract standing orders shall be reported by the CFO of the CC to the Audit Committee".
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise the Audit Committee on the use of Contract Standing Order 10 during the period February 2023 to November 2023 and the Procurement Activity and Performance during the period February 2023 to November 2023.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Audit Committee note the exceptional situations detailed in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Audit Committee note the Procurement Activity and Performance of the Procurement function detailed in Appendix 2.

3. Background

- 3.1 Contract Standing Orders reflect both the policies of the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland and the requirements of current legislation. Their purpose is to provide help and guidance to all members of staff who are involved in supplier negotiations for the provision of goods and services. They are mandatory and as such must be complied with at all times.
- 3.2 Contract Standing Orders regulate the arrangements and procedures for acquiring goods and services. There is an underlying requirement that where such an

acquisition is amenable to competitive tender that this mechanism should be employed. This requirement is modified in practice when competitive tendering is not considered either efficient or practical.

- 3.3 Furthermore there are classes of goods and services which are not amenable to competitive tendering, examples of these would be property rental, water supply and contributions to national bodies supplying services to police forces either individually or as a "community of interest".
- 3.4 Contract Standing Order 10 states that "Exceptional situations are those created by external actions and events over which the Force has no control but has an obligation to respond."
- 3.5 In compliance with Contract Standing Orders it is the practice to report every exceptional circumstance where it appears that the normal requirement to tender has not been followed. Changes to the reporting schedule have taken place to coincide with changes to the accounting reporting timetable. The details of exceptional circumstances for this reporting period are listed in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 To provide members of the Audit Committee with a full picture of the Procurement activity in the Force and putting the exception report into context a Procurement Performance report has been provided in Appendix 2.

4. Implications

4.1 Finance

All commitments are within existing budgets.

It should be noted that a number of other external factors have increased the volume and value of Exemptions throughout this reporting period. Namely these are:

- Higher levels of inflation, increasing supplier and supply chain costs
- Cost of Living crisis affecting all market areas and increasing supplier and supply chain costs
- Wage increases contributing to additional financial pressures.

The Commissioning & Procurement Manager role was filled in October 2023 and will ensure robust oversight is maintained on the exemption process. Whilst it is a core approach of Procurement to minimise the number of exemptions used during Cleveland Police operations and to procure goods and services compliantly in line with regulations, it should be noted that financial pressures are expected to continue to increase.

4.2 Legal

Any requests to utilise Contract Standing Order 10 which involve new supplier terms and conditions are discussed and agreed with Legal Services. There are no legal implications arising from the content of this report.

4.3 Diversity & Equal Opportunities

There are no diversity or equal opportunities implications arising from the content of this report.

4.4 Human Rights Act

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from the content of this report.

4.5 Sustainability

There are no sustainability implications arising from the content of this report.

4.6 Risk

There are no risk implications arising from the content of this report.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 The details of the exceptional situations listed in Appendix 1 and the Procurement Performance in Appendix 2 not only comply with the process detailed in Contract Standing Orders but represent the Force's ongoing commitment to greater efficiency and effectiveness.

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Appendix 1: Exceptional Situations

Exceptional Situation – Proprietary Product

1. Annual Maintenance and Support of CycComms Application software at a cost of £23,921 from Geoff Goldsmith Associates (GSA).

- 1.1 The CycComms application is a force wide workflow for the acquisition of Communications data, administered by the Covert Standards department in Cleveland Police.
- 1.2 The application is a bespoke piece of software developed by Geoff Smith Associates (GSA). The support and maintenance of the software can not be procured from another I.T. supplier as they would not have access to the underlying code base due to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). Nor would they have sufficient knowledge of the application architecture to be able to successfully carry out support.
- 1.3 This exemption was approved in February 2023.

2. RSS Licences for Camera Safety Team / CDSOU at a cost of £11,250 from Road Safety Support (RSS)

- 2.1 The force requires the RSS license, to access the services of Road Safety Support Organisation, This is a not for profit Organisation it is a one of the kind service in the UK, it offers: (Strategy / Road Collision & Casualty Data Analysis / Road Safety Media & Marketing / Speed Camera Enforcement Strategies / Safer Roads Operational Reviews / Road Safety Media Skills Training / Justice / Expert Witnesses & Expert Reports / Road Traffic Enforcement Legal Assistance / Speed Camera Laser Jammers / Forensic Video Analysis / Enforcement / Speed and Red Light Camera Support / Speed Camera Operator Accredited Awards / Road Signs & Traffic Regulations / Speed Camera Testing / Speed Camera and Technology Testing / Home Office Type Approval / Police Vehicle Speedometer Calibration / Speed Camera Verification Services / In-vehicle telematics calibration / What is ISO 17025 Accreditation / CEU Staff use the services of the RSS on a near daily basis / CDSOU & Collision Unit Officers use RSS for advice in relation to Fatal/ Seracc RTC investigations.)
- 2.2 Every UK force uses the services of the RSS Organisation and Cleveland Police could not get this service, Data or Information from any other Company or Organisation.
- 2.3 This exemption was approved in March 2023.

3. FIS Centurion – Annual Renewal at a cost of £24,984.86 ex VAT from FIS Centurion

- 3.1 This system is a system used by all forces nationally to record their complaints from the public.
- 3.2 The system has all aspects of recording to allow us perform our day to day duties. This is the only approved system, and the only one of its kind available to us. The system holds all our current live complaints which cannot be lost, we use this for our day to day business.
- 3.3 It is vital that this contract is renewed to ensure continuity of service for my department. This is the only sytem available and the Force is committed to continued use.
- 3.4 This exemption was approved in March 2023.

4. Renewal of Forensic Grading Software at a cost of £21,195 from Griffeye

- 4.1 Griffeye have been a supplier of forensic software to cleveland police for over 6 years. They provide proprietary software for the grading of illegal images and media analysis, this cant be obtained from another provider. This software is used by almost all police forces in the UK. Staff have undergone bespoke training causes, both internal and external, to be able to use the software at a cost to the force.
- 4.2 The use of the software has been incorporated into documented procedures which are currently accredited, changing this software woud mean re accrediting procedures which would cause further costs.
- 4.3 Failure to renew the software would cause a inability to conduct POLIT investigations.
- 4.4 This exemption was approved in March 2023.

5. Seven (7) Modular Ballistic Shields at a cost of £25,402 ex VAT from United Shield International Ltd.

- 5.1 Ballistic shields are mandatorily carried on each of the Force's operational Armed Response Vehicles, with a number of spare pairs held in reserve. Ballistic shields have a limited shelf life of five years, the examples currently in service were bought in 2018 and expire in May 2023.
- 5.2 Cleveland Police's Armed Response Vehicles are configured to carry a two-part modular shield system fitting into a specific location in the boot space of the vehicle. There is no existing national framework option for a supplier of such shields. Firearms Support unit cannot find an alternative supplier of a similar product in the UK.

- 5.3 Replacement shields must be ordered in February 2023 in order to be received before the end of April 2023 - this is operationally imperative due to the imminent end-of-life for the current shields.
- 5.4 This exemption was approved in March 2023

6. XRY Logical and Physical Licence Renewal at a cost of £10,875 from MSAB

- 6.1 The product is a proprietary piece of forensic software which is currently used within the Digital Forensic unit and we are seeking to extend the contract for another year. The software is used for forensic extraction and analysis of mobile phone devices by almost all Police Forces within the UK. It has the ability to access information on devices which other software in our tool kit can't obtain which overall provides a better quality product for the victim and accesses evidence which we would not be able to obtain without the software.
- 6.2 It is already validated according to ISO 17025 requirements, incorporated into Technical SOPs and staff are fully trained to use the software. External training courses have been procured at a cost to the force for staff. The process is currently undergoing ISO accreditation.
- 6.3 Failure to renew these licences would result in a disruption to the service provided by the DFU in respect to mobile phone examinations and pose a significant risk to the force. Evidential data could be lost potentially resulting in a poor service for victims of crime and miscarriages of justice
- 6.4 This exemption was approved in March 2023

7. Provision of a Platform Lift at a cost of £40,286 from Stannah Lifts

- 7.1 With parts for the lift at CPC HQ on long lead times and no other means of access to 1st and 2nd floor. We need to install a platform lift as a back up for access.
- 7.2 There's been a few times recently where the lift has been out of service for a long period of time resulting in staff not been able to carry out there job roles. Therefore this has been raised as a major concern and risk going forward and the urgency to have this platform lift installed ASAP in the event of the lift been out of service in the near future, and posing a Health & Safety issue. The install will be via the UPS system and so in the event of an exacuation or power cut it will always be in use.
- 7.3 This exemption was approved in April 2023.

8. Product license subscription, Maintenance and Support at a cost of £27,667.07 from Altia

- 8.1 Altia Informant Management & Surveillance applications used by the Covert Standards are bespoke pieces of software developed, maintained, supported and licensed only by the service provider Altia.

8.2 No other provider has access to the underlying code base due to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), nor would they have sufficient knowledge of the application architecture to be able to successfully carry out support.

8.3 This exemption was approved in April 2023.

9. Textburst System, at a cost of £25,000 from Commify/Textanywhere

9.1 The contract with Commify provides the Force's textburst service which is predominantly used within FCR and RMU to contact large numbers of officers quickly to meet urgent and large scale resourcing issues.

9.2 Costs have increased over recent years as the system has been utilised more in order to free up officers time - previously resourcing staff/Managers would have been ringing round to try to obtain additional resources which was not an effective use of time. This increased use has resulted in costs increasing and meaning that this contract needs to go out to tender. This has been with ICT for a while to be considered and scoped with a view to progressing this. However, in the meantime, the Force requires continuity of this service and therefore it is requested that an order be placed to ensure this continuity until the service does go out to tender.

9.3 This exemption was approved in April 2023.

10. Get Connected Service at a cost of £40,000 from Get Connected

10.1 CURV funding has been agreed within the financial year parameters (April 2022 - March 2023). Current funding was agreed in early July 2022 by the Home Office. This has left a 6 month timeline for commissioning and delivery of services which are also subject to enhanced monitoring and evaluation by the Home Office.

10.2 Standard procurement process and timelines would not be suitable within these timeframes for a service to be developed, delivered and evaluated. The service identified is recognised as a specialist in this particular work after independent evaluation partners scrutiny of the application delivery of services which are also subject to enhanced monitoring and evaluation by the Home Office.

10.3 The service identified is recognised as a specialist in this particular work having carried out work for other VRU's nationally and currently is delivering services for Cleveland police/Project ADDER in Middlesbrough. A key risk would be non delivery and return of grant monies to the HomeOffice With a short timeline to deliver this increased evaluation service.

10.4 This exemption was approved in May 2023.

11. Forensic Software Licence Renewal at a cost of £36,135 from Grayshift

- 11.1 Grayshift have been the supplier of forensic software to Cleveland Police for a number of years. They provide proprietary software for the extraction and password cracking of mobile phone (Specifically - A technique used for Apple devices) which can't be obtained from another provider. The software is used by other forces and those that don't end up outsourcing to those that do at significant financial costs.
- 11.2 Staff have undergone internal training courses, to be able to use the software correctly.
- 11.3 The use of the software has been incorporated into documented procedures which is currently undergoing ISO accreditation.
- 11.4 The use of the requested software will allow DFU staff to gain access to a larger selection of pinlocked devices and at a faster rate. The addition will also mean that the outsourcing of single devices to other forces who possess the software will become unnecessary as the service will be just conducted in house creating financial savings.
- 11.5 Failure to add the additional software would have an impact on mobile phone examinations and information passed on onto officers and add to further delays which would be a considerable risk to victims of crime.
- 11.6 This exemption was approved in June 2023.

12. Idea Drop platform two-year extension, at a cost of £16,000 from Wazoku

- 12.1 A two year extension to the contract for the Idea Drop platform which has been in use within the Force for 4 years. Idea Drop has been bought out by the company Wazoku and included in the extension is transfer to the Wazoku platform. The extension is sought to provide sufficient time for an in house platform to be developed to leverage benefits from the use of Microsoft 365 functionality that is currently being restricted by user coverage and internal capacity to deliver.
- 12.2 There is a long term aim to develop an in house solution for idea generation and delivery, but capacity and M365 roll out is currently limiting our ability to deliver this. The option to operate without a solution was not accepted by the Change and Investment Board, and it was accepted that two years would be sufficient time for this to happen. In the meantime the most cost and labour effective solution is to extend the current contract including transfer to the new Wazoku platform to allow time for in house development
- 12.3 This exemption was approved in June 2023.

13. Annual Maintenance and Support of Mapinfo software at a cost of £11,340 from Contract Data Research Group

13.1 Mapinfo software is used by the Intelligence Analyst to plot incident/crime locations on maps to enable staff to carry out their analysis. This is a continuation of an existing support contract so will enable continued support for the application and any upgrades in the next 12 months.

13.2 This exemption was approved in August 2023.

14. Forensic Software Training, at a cost of £21,480 from Cellebrite

14.1 Cellebrite have been the supplier of forensic software to Cleveland Police for over 10 years. They provide proprietary software for the examination of mobile phone and apple macintosh computers which can't be obtained from another provider. The software is used by almost all Police forces in the UK.

14.2 Staff require bespoke training, both internal and external, to be able to use the software competently and to the required standard.

14.3 The use of the software has been incorporated into documented procedures which is currently undergoing ISO accreditation.

14.4 The addition of newer Cellebrite Software Services has allowed DFU staff to gain access to a larger selection of pinlocked devices and has meant that more avenues of investigation have been opened and different data sets have become available to analyse. These new data sets require further training to be able to locate and report on.

14.5 Failure to acquire the training for the staff would have an impact on mobile phone examinations and information passed on onto officers and add to further delays which would be a considerable risk to victims of crime.

14.6 This exemption was approved in August 2023.

15. Student Placement Officers for CSI and DFU at a cost of £48,000 from Teesside University

15.1 The Student Placement Officers will be based within the Scientific Support Unit (SSU). 3 of the placements will be CSI (crime Scene Investigator) and 1 will be based within the DFU (Digital Forensics Unit).

15.2 As both roles require specialist knowledge within their respective areas of business, a role has been designed within the SSU which is suitable for the student's skills and knowledge.

15.3 As the SSU is an accredited unit under the scope of 17025 (lab based activities) and working toward accreditation for scene activities (17020), any staff member (placement or police staff/officer), must be deemed competent to carry out any activities that fall under the scope.

15.4 Together with the specialist knowledge the students already possess from their degree courses, training is provided in-house that ensures competence of each individual to carry out certain activities. The degree courses such as the BSc Hons in Crime Scene Science and Digital Forensics which support the placement year, have such content delivered within years 1 and 2 that ensure the students have the necessary technical knowledge prior to starting their placement year.

15.5 A full formal interview process takes place, delivered under the Competency Values Framework ensuring a detailed and fair process of selection.

15.6 This exemption was approved in August 2023.

16. Two-Yearly PAT Testing of all Police Equipment, at a cost of £2000 from Hawkesworth Appliance Testing

16.1 This exemption was not approved – September 2023. (Below threshold).

17 Annual Servicing of moveable walls, at a cost of £760 from Gibson Architectural Ltd

17.1 This exemption was not approved – September 2023. (Below threshold).

18 Contract Resource, at a cost of £600 per day from Senovo IT

18.1 Support contract required for a period of 6 months commencing the 1st Oct 2023 until 30th March 2024 to enable the purchase of support days as required to assist with the delivery of the Data Centre Comms Refresh. This is specialist knowledge and expertise not available within the team.

18.2 This exemption was approved in September 2023.

19 Stolen Vehicle Examinors Qualifications at a cost of £20,700 from AI Training

19.1 Ai Training came highly recommended by other forces who have employed their services for similar courses. They provide a national recognised qualification which is required for credibility in the UK court. Using this supplier provides continuity to police forces.

19.2 Stolen Vehicle course - This course is required to train and qualify 12 RPU officers in the examination of suspected stolen vehicles. This is required as it is a force necessity to correctly identify the true provenance of such vehicles, therefore securing a criminal conviction for related offences and removing such vehicles from our roads which may be used in crime.

19.3 PG9 - This course is for vehicle examination prohibition authorisations and procedures. This course also provides police officers with a recognised national qualification required for credibility in UK court.

19.4 This exemption was approved in September 2023.

20 Non Attributable ISP internet provision at a cost of £10,360.26 ex VAT from Bedroq TM Ltd.

- 20.1 There is a requirement for Cleveland Police specialist units and NEROCU to have a nonattributable internet capability. The current 3rd party has offered this capability to Cleveland Police and NEROCU. This has now exceeded the 10K limit.
- 20.2 This exemption was approved in September 2023.

21 Crime prevention equipment for target hardening, at a cost of £11,950.40 from Solon Security

- 21.1 SOLON Security are the established provider of target hardening crime prevention equipment to Cleveland Police and have been used on all previous Safer Streets bids. The tight timescales of the funding granted by the Home Office for Safer Streets necessitate a direct award for funding
- 21.2 This exemption was approved in October 2023.

22 Subscription to the PDR system, at a cost of £11,000 from Head-Light

- 22.1 The E-PDR system has been used successfully across force for a period of 4 years with significant data relating to talent development, performance management and pay progression awards embedding into it. I believe that the procurement team are understaffed and cannot facilitate, at this time, a procurement process to change providers. The system is user friendly and relations that have been built up with suppliers ensures that we can adapt the system, at no extra charge, to take into account forcewide change, for example the next iteration of the performance excellence approach which is creating talent development pools for promotion board processes in particular.
- 22.2 There has been significant joint work with the providers over the years to adapt/design the system to make it user friendly and adapt it to changing forcewide themes. I am aware that to bring in another system it would cost £65k (Teams goals) so the PDR system by Headlight is good value and a consistent tool that is recognised and trusted by users at all levels across force. The years of data embedded into the system is now being used to award pay increments and evidence collated by users is sometimes used for career development opportunities.
- 22.3 This exemption was approved in October 2023.

23 Contract Resource for IT to continue expertise in CP Systems, at a cost of £32,000 from Greenwich Contracts Ltd.

- 23.1 Required to deliver specialist knowledge and expertise to assist in the delivery of the ICT CapEx projects for this financial year, namely NEP mail migrations. Funding has been provided by the OPCC to facilitate the recruit of contractors when it is identified

that in-house resource cannot deliver. This has been exacerbated by the failure to recruit into the Infrastructure Engineer roles.

23.2 This exemption was approved in October 2023.

24 Degree Holder Entry Programme initial intake, at a cost of £TBC from Teesside University

24.1 Following notification from Bluelight Commercial that the National Framework for Police Education Qualification Framework (PEQF) initial police entry programmes will not be going out to suppliers to bid for until 01/11/2023. The same applies to the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) Framework - both of which are compliant routes to market frameworks. This will mean that Cleveland Police cannot utilise these frameworks until later in 2024. Due to the delays in the release of the frameworks it will now have a catastrophic impact on our ability to deliver our new entry route Degree Holder Entry Programme (DHEP) in January 2024, if we were to wait until the availability of the frameworks. The impact would be as follows: we would miss our start date of January 2024, resulting in a severe impact on funding arrangements, strategic partnership working, recruitment of new officers, learning and development opportunities, bolstering the operational frontline officer numbers therefore reducing our ability to deliver a policing service to the communities in Cleveland.

24.2 Cleveland Police has overshoot funding allocated from the Home Office at £45,000 per officer for 35 officers and £24,000 per officer for a further 19 officers at this stage, these officers need to be in post and warranted by the 31st March 2024 for the funding to be drawn down, these funds are crucial to underpin our long term recruitment plans. Delivery plans for recruitment in the current financial year include 24 DHEP students and so failure to deliver on the DHEP element in a timely manner would place at risk our overshoot funding with material financial implications.

24.3 Teesside University already provide PCDA (Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship) training for Cleveland Police and therefore, already a proven supplier to meet the criteria delivery of the DHEP. The curriculum meets the standard requirements set out by College of Policing – this has been confirmed by Teesside University.

24.4 The contract will increase the professionalism, public confidence and strategic partnership arrangements of Cleveland Police. The pricing will be costed per learner therefore enabling a greater control on recruited numbers and commitment to the contract.

24.5 Due to these delays with the rationale as detailed above our only option is to use an exemption.

24.6 This exemption was approved in October 2023.

25 2-years extension to the RLDatix employee relations case tracker system, at a cost of £29,286.80 from RLDatix.

25.1 This system holds thousands of live and archived employee records which inform all employee relations and employment tribunal records. There is no other viable way

of holding, managing and accessing the data at this time. We have explored the possibility of using Oracle EAP in the future however the current system is not capable of carrying out the required function.

25.2 This exemption was approved in October 2023.

26 Vehicle Data Recorders purchase and maintenance, at a cost of £89,710.88 from Standby RSG

26.1 We are out of contract since 2021 but operational requirements mean the service has continued to be needed. Existing informal agreement covers service provision until May 2024. Compliant route to market is known and underway as Force decision is to retender but retrospective exemption is needed to cover contract period from 2021 until end of scheduled maintenance period. Actual remaining financial cost is circa £19,760.88 ongoing procurement of a compliant contractor will tie into this date.

26.2 This is a one-time exemption for the continuation of the contract.

26.3 This exemption was approved in October 2023.

27 Penetration Testing Services at a cost of £15,000 from MTi Technology Ltd.

27.1 Contract CPC-0001846 IT Health Check (01/03/202 - 28/02/23) + 1 year extension was cancelled prior to commencing a tender exercise to find a new supplier. The tender process failed, exceeding budget.

27.2 A scope of work and quote has been obtained from MTi to continue and utilise the 1-year extension that was available. This will meet the requirement for this year ahead of planning for a further tender offering early in 2024.

27.3 This exemption was approved in November 2023.

28 Coaching and Leadership Development Programme, at a cost of £40,250 from Aspire & Cath Brown

28.1 Original Contract carried out via a Tender Process was for a 5 year term which consisted of a number of Lots providing multiple Executive & General Leadership Coaching. As part of the new Leadership Development Programme there is still a requirement to continue to provide workshops and training in Coaching & Leadership skills.

28.2 A great deal of work has already been undertaken during the term of the contract with Aspire & Cath Brown which is required to continue for a further period of time. This training is a continuation of the initial programmes set out by both providers.

28.3 This exemption was approved in November 2023.

Exceptional Situation – Operational Emergency

29 Force Medical Advisor resource at a cost of £27,000 from Drs Direct Ltd.

- 29.1 The need for Force Medical Advisor resource outstrips the resource available from our existing supplier, HealthWorks. HealthWorks supply a face-to-face FMA resource under contract as part of a multi force framework agreement. In addition, we have booked all available additional face to face slots in addition to remote clinics provided by the same supplier. Operation uplift requires a specified number of police officers to be recruited within fixed timeframes in addition to maintaining staffing levels thus requiring the like for like replacement numbers of any police officer leavers. Failure to meet targets will result in the withdrawal of significant levels of funding.
- 29.2 All police officer recruitment medicals require a degree of face-to-face medical examination which can only be conducted by an FMA. The Wellbeing manager has identified an additional FMA resource from a different supplier.
- 29.3 This resource will be £250 cheaper than the additional FMA from our current provider and they will work on site and conducting face to face consultations or support operation uplift by undertaking recruitment medicals.
- 29.4 This exemption was approved in February 2023.

30 Auditing Software for Police misconduct and corruption identification at a cost of £42,600 from ATA

- 30.1 ATA is Cleveland Police's most sophisticated auditing software, designed to proactively and reactivity identify Police misconduct and corruption.
- 30.2 The force failed a HMICFRS inspection in 2017 for the lack of such a system, in 2022 it passed the inspection due to it. The force must retain this system to protect the public.
- 30.3 The exemption is requested to ensure we maintain the service whilst national procurement is on-going. This will cover the dept and force for a further year in anticipation for joining the new national framework when it becomes available to us.
- 30.4 This exemption was approved in March 2023.

31 Provision of vehicle for ACC Baker at a cost of £42,425 from Mister Tee T/A Holden Group

- 31.1 A car is required as part of the ACC (Richard Baker) contract and needed to enable him to travel to and from work and for business purposes across the Cleveland area.
- 31.2 Due to international issues with semi-conductors the new vehicle market is experiencing delays of over 12 months which is likely to get worse as a result of the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine.
- 31.3 This exemption was approved in April 2023.

32 Project Adder Vehicle at a cost of £22,602.33 plus VAT from Lookers Middlesborough

- 32.1 Funding is available to purchase a second hand van for Project Adder (prior to 31/03/2023). The vehicle will be used to respond to incidents and intelligence involving County Lines activity.
- 32.2 Due to international issues with semi-conductors the new vehicle market is experiencing delays of over 12 months which is likely to get worse as a result of the current conflict between Russia and Ukraine.
- 32.3 This exemption was approved in April 2023.

33 Ballistic Helmets at a cost of £14,450 from UK TACTICAL

- 33.1 Current provider of ballistic helmets are taking in excess of a year to provide essential PPE. We have found a local provider that meets the same safety standard but can facilitate the helmets in a shorter lead time (around 12 weeks). This allows us to keep our intake of firearms officers operational and not delay any training.
- 33.2 This is an operational emergency as existing PPE firearms requirement framework supplier (Aspen) no longer able to supply due to shortage

34 Specialist Designed Armoury Property Storage, at a cost of £10,495 from SJC Interiors

- 34.1 Estates requested three independent quotes, but only received one back.
- 34.2 This work is to improve the efficiency general layout & address H&S & Fire risk assessment issues raised within the current weapons store. Siezed weapons are stored at M8, and the current storage solutions are not suitable or acceptable, the new design has been agreed by, Anthony Harrison (Fire Arms) Chris Whan (Property Store Manager, Natalie Wing (Scenes of Crime Operations manager)
- 34.3 This exemption was approved in July 2023.

Appendix 2 –Procurement Performance

- The PCC has 326 live contracts as of 01 December 2023
- In the Period January 2023 to December 2023, 54 of these contracts were due to end or be extended:
 - 38 were extended in line with annual renewal contract terms e.g. Software Licences / Maintenance subscriptions etc.
 - 4 were extended in line with the contract term *e.g. if a contract was awarded as a 3 year contract with an option to extend for two further 12 month periods.*
 - 12 ended or were extended via an exception to contract standing orders and have been reported to the Audit Committee in the report submitted in March 23 and Appendix 1 of this report
- 32 Tenders or Further Competitions or Direct Awards from Compliant Frameworks were carried out during the period January 2023 to December 2023.

Chart 1 – Split of Procedure Type

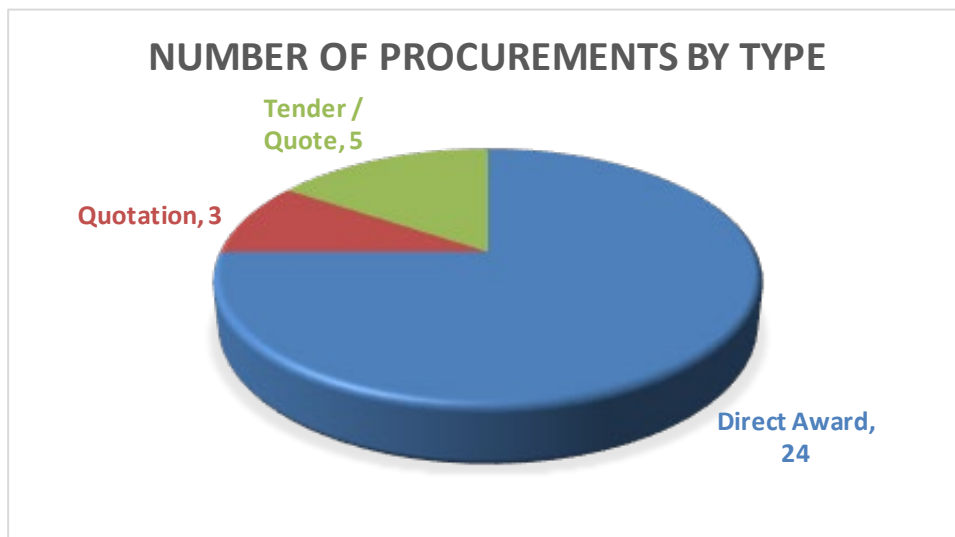


Chart 2 – Split of New Requirement/Re-Procure Existing Contract

