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Title of report Mobile Policing – Option 2 Device Purchase

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To approve the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Essex Police Mobile Policing Programme, a joint programme with Kent Police.
- 1.2 To ensure continued investment in mobile policing devices across Essex in order to make use of modern mobile communications technology to deliver more effective and efficient policing across a variety of roles, and deliver financial benefits to both Essex and Kent Police.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the OBC for option 4b, an 'integrated' software solution subject to a further separate decision once the operational and financial results of option 2 'extending the mobile policing pilot capability' has been proven.
- 2.2 To undertake capital investment of £2.02m in order to deliver option 2 and facilitate net revenue savings of £3.9m over the next five years.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 Operational benefits include front line officer time savings and the ability to reprioritise officers in accordance to demand requirements. Over the next ten

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years it is estimated that the current value of net savings in officer time amount to £11.8m. This saving can be recycled into a combination of improved services and/or police officer/staff savings.

- 3.2 Subject to an assessment of the outcome of option 2, extending the project to option 4b is estimated to increase the net present value of benefits over ten years to over £50m.

4. Background and proposal

- 4.1 The Mobile Policing Programme has been part of the Essex Police capital investment plan; this proposal is to approve the incremental investment in mobile devices through a further rollout of the existing pilot.

- 4.2 The proposal involves the procurement of 4,000 Samsung Note 4 smart phones across both forces.

- 4.3 The options analysed in the OBC were:

- i) Option 1 – Do nothing
- ii) Option 2 – Extend mobile policing pilot capability
- iii) Option 3 – Further applications made available
- iv) Option 4a – 'Integrated' applications solution with implementation once solution available
- v) Option 4b – 'Integrated' software solution with incremental implementation

5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1 The Police and Crime Plan has eight areas of focus, this proposal will focus on increasing efficiency in policing through collaborative working and innovation.

6. Police Operational Implications

- 6.1 The proposal will allow for front line officer time savings, and the ability to reprioritise resources in line with demand.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 Both capital and revenue funding will be required in order to successfully implement Option 2 for the Mobile Policing Programme.

- 7.2 Capital funding requirements are detailed below.

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Capital funding summary: Option 2

£m	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	Total
Capital investment required	2.37	0.04	0.04	1.53	0.05	4.03
Capital funding available	(0.32)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.22)	(0.01)	(0.55)
Capital investment cost avoidance (Kent Police)	(0.32)	(0.01)	(0.01)	(0.22)	(0.01)	(0.55)
Net capital funding required	2.06	0.04	0.04	1.31	0.04	3.48
Kent Police	0.87	0.02	0.02	0.55	0.02	1.46
Essex Police	1.19	0.02	0.02	0.76	0.02	2.02

7.3 The capital investment required by Essex Police is £2.02m and will be part of the Essex Police capital programme for 2016/17.

7.4 Revenue funding requirements are detailed below.

Revenue funding summary: Option 2

£m	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	Total
Revenue funding required	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6	7.7
Revenue savings	(0.6)	(3.9)	(4.0)	(4.0)	(4.1)	(16.5)
Front line officer savings	0.0	(2.9)	(2.9)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(11.8)
FCR/IMU savings	(0.4)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(3.7)
Cost avoidance (Kent Police)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(1.0)
Net revenue position	0.8	(2.4)	(2.4)	(2.4)	(2.5)	(8.9)
Kent Police	0.3	(1.3)	(1.3)	(1.3)	(1.3)	(5.0)
Essex Police	0.5	(1.1)	(1.1)	(1.1)	(1.1)	(3.9)

7.5 Forces will save a total of £16.5m in revenue costs as a result of implementing Option 2 for the Mobile Policing Programme. This will be enabled through a revenue funding requirement of £7.7m over the same period.

7.6 Essex Police is estimated to make net revenue savings of £3.9m over the next five years. During the first year Essex Police will have to provide revenue funding of £0.5m before the financial benefits are realised.

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8. Legal Implications

8.1 No legal implications.

9. Staffing and other resource implications


9.1 Potential headcount reductions due to the implementation of joint Force Control Room arrangements between Essex and Kent Police.


10. Equality and Diversity implications

10.1 There are no Equality and Diversity implications

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O 

Chief Financial Officer 

PCC Legal Advisor (As necessary)

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report


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PCC/Deputy PCC

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Report for publication

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If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

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