



Request for decision: **D28-2016**

Subject matter: Server Virtualisation Platform Upgrade

Executive summary:

The server virtualisation platform is ageing and is nearly at full capacity. The majority of the force's systems, such as Storm, Pronto and GCIS are hosted on this platform. It needs to be upgraded in order to provide a modern, resilient and reliable service, as well as provide additional capacity to grow in line with business needs. A business case for this has been developed and approved through the ICT Delivery Board and Strategic Change Board.

The preferred option is option 3, which reuses the hardware procured for the VDI project, as this project is currently on hold pending the gateway review. CapEx for this option is £114,600 with funds already identified within the ICT Capital Replacement budget.

Governance Board is therefore asked to approve this option and the associated increase in OpEx costs of £32,000.

If this option is not pursued, capital costs would be £328,460 and there would be an associated increase OpEx funding of £67,000. These capital costs would significantly limit further use of the ICT Capital Replacement budget.

Recommendations (with reasons for that recommendation)

Approve the CapEx spend of £114,600 from the ICT Capital Replacement budget and allocate the additional OpEx costs of £32,000.

Police and Crime Commissioner

The above request has my approval.

Signed:

Date: 27 September 2016