



Request for decision:

D12-2017

Subject matter: Road Safety Partnership

**Executive summary:**

The Board was reminded of previous correspondence between the OPCC and Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) concerning the speed awareness and other courses as discussed at the Governance Board on 29 March which had concluded with a letter from the Chief Fire Officer (CFO) of the same date confirming that GCC would no longer be providing any courses after 31 May and that they were "committed to ensuring that there is a smooth transition".

A meeting was subsequently held on Monday 3 April with the Assistant Chief Fire Officer and another RSP member of staff when the expectation of what a smooth transition would look like, especially in respect of course accommodation, administration services, management of courses and access to trainers, was shared to allow time for GCC to gather information and consider what they could offer. A further meeting had been held with the ACFO when the OPCC was told that GCC were not willing to make their premises, IT system or admin staff available and would only be willing to make their supervisory staff available to us in the interim period if the OPCC agreed to TUPE them across to become OPCC or Constabulary employees.

It was **agreed** that without going through the proper consultation and due diligence exercise the OPCC could not give that commitment. It was therefore **agreed** that other longer term alternatives would have to be explored and in the meantime interim arrangements would need to be put in place to ensure the continued availability of the courses to the public.

An interim arrangement would require the provision of course accommodation, access to an online booking system capable of accepting bookings for courses immediately for delivery after 1 June, trainers to deliver the courses and supervision to ensure quality etc. It was understood that there were a number of commercial organisations who would be able to provide this such that members of the public seeking courses would notice no difference. The only alternative would be to offer only courses from outside the county but this would not be as convenient for the public. It was not possible to offer an in-house solution immediately although this would be an option in the longer term.

It was therefore **agreed** that the CJ Unit Manager would ask NDORS to contact all existing course providers and trainers nationally asking for expressions of interest in providing an interim service initially for six months extendable, at a range of venues across the force area preferably using locally based trainers and at a course fee similar to that charged in neighbouring police areas.

A project team would be formed to address the longer term issues. The DCC suggested that contact was made with the ICT Programme Manager to arrange this.

It was also **agreed** that there was no need to withdraw any Constabulary staff

from the Road Safety Hub at this time to avoid disruption to the team.

It was **agreed** that all communications to staff and externally would be coordinated, being mindful of the constraints of Purdah, and that any data sharing issues would be checked with the Information Security Officer.

**Recommendations (with reasons for that recommendation)**

That the above recommendations be approved.

**Police and Crime Commissioner**

The above requests have my approval.

Signed:



Date: 7 April 2017