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Originator:
Peter Skelton, Chief Finance Officer

Decision number: D23-2018

Submitted to: Martin Surl, Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire

Subject: Application for Sponsorship for two all-terrain vehicles for rural crime operations

Executive summary:

The Rural Crime Officer for the Cotswolds, PC Ashley Weller, has been approached by a number of organisations to provide assistance to help in the fight against rural crime. Two suppliers have offered to provide a quad bike and a UTV (pictures provided). The details of the sponsorship are provided in the report.

Both suppliers are centred around farming and the rural community and want to be seen to be helping the police. Research has shown that a number of forces now use all-terrain vehicles for their rural crime operations and some of these vehicles are sponsored.

Recommendation:

To approve the following sponsorship, which has been offered to help the Constabulary in the fight against rural crime:

- Cotswold Farm Machinery – supply a quad bike for 6/12 months – value £6,000
- Ace ATV – supply a UTV Buggy for 6/12 months – value £11,500

Outcome/approval by:

Signature:

Date: 26/06/2018

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| <p>Is this a decision of significant public interest?</p> <p><i>This includes a decision with any impact on the community, expenditure in excess of £50,000, or any decision that would be of obvious interest to the media or the general public</i></p> | <p>Yes. This will impact on the rural community in the Cotswold and all sponsorship issues will attract public interest.</p> |
| <p>Is there a Part Two form? <i>This section should only include information that, if published:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) would, in the view of the chief officer of the police, be against the interests of national security;</i> <i>b) might, in the view of the chief officer of police, jeopardise the safety of any person;</i> <i>c) might, in the view of the chief officer of police, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime, the apprehension or prosecution of offenders, or the administration of justice; or</i> <i>d) is prohibited by any enactment.</i> <i>e) breaches commercial sensitivity</i> | <p>No</p> |

| Originator checklist (must be completed) | Comments including who has approved the report if applicable |
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| <p>Has legal advice been sought on this submission if required?</p> | <p>Yes. Legal are drafting agreements with the suppliers for the sponsorship.</p> |
| <p>Has the Chief Finance Officer been consulted, if required?</p> | <p>Yes, prepared the paper, based upon comprehensive information provided by PC Ashley Weller.</p> |
| <p>Have equality, diversity and human rights</p> | <p>N/A</p> |

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| implications been considered, as appropriate? | |
| How is the recommendation consistent with the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan? | The vehicles will be used to promote the Constabulary's work tackling rural crime and wildlife persecution which are government priorities for all police forces. The Police and Crime Plan states that tackling rural crime and increasing police visibility are a key part of neighbourhood policing. The work undertaken using these vehicles will cover the priorities for safer days and nights for all and safe and social driving. The vehicles will be used for visible reassurance patrols and at public events held over the summer. |
| Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation? | N/A |
| Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media, community, staff or partner interest and how they might be managed? | Not yet. Communication advice will be sought when the sponsorship is announced. |
| Have all relevant implications and risks been considered? | Yes. H&S have been consulted and a risk assessment will be completed. The two vehicles are DVLA road legal and will be included on the motor insurance policy. |

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Part One – For publication

1. Purpose of the report

To seek approval for sponsorship for the provision of two all-terrain vehicles from two suppliers to be used for rural crime operations in the Cotswold.

2. Background

2.1 The sponsorship detailed below has been obtained by PC Ashley Weller, the Rural Crime Officer for the Cotswolds. PC Weller was approached, at a rural crime awareness day he held in the Cotswolds, by a supplier who talked about sponsorship and providing one of their quad bikes. A number of police forces use all-terrain vehicles for their rural crime operations and some of these vehicles are donated by sponsors.

2.2 The Constabulary would like to accept offers for sponsorship from two local suppliers in the Cotswolds, Cotswold Farm Machinery and Ace ATV. Both suppliers have offered to loan machines to the Constabulary for 6/12 months. After 6 months the supplier will evaluate the mileage of the machine and either continue the loan of that vehicle for another six months, or take back the vehicle, sell it and provide another vehicle.

2.3 Both suppliers will take care of all servicing and repairs. The costs to the Constabulary will be for fuel and any damage to the vehicles.

2.4 Both suppliers have been asked why they want to supply the vehicles. Both have said that the police give a lot to the rural community and they want to be seen to be helping the police in the fight against crime. Both suppliers are based in the farming and rural community and the publicity will show that they are committed to rural residents.

2.5 The vehicles that will be supplied are:

2.5.1 Quad bike supplied by Cotswold Farm Machinery – worth £6,000

2.5.2 UTV Buggy supplied by ACE ATV – worth £11,500

Pictures of the two vehicles are attached.

2.6 PC Weller has liaised with the following departments, who are happy with the plans:

2.6.1 Health and Safety – happy with the proposal and how the machines will be used. A risk assessment will be completed.

2.6.2 Vehicle workshops – happy with manufacturers' service and will devise a daily safety checklist. The vehicles are DVLA road legal and will be covered by the Constabulary insurance policy.

2.6.3 Driver Training – happy with the machines, as long as the correct training is provided. The training has been booked and budget set aside for training and PPE.

2.6.4 Legal will draft an agreement with both the suppliers for the loan of the vehicles.

2.6.5 ACC Operations and Superintendent Neighbourhood Policing support this initiative.

3. Recommendations

To approve the following sponsorship, which has been offered to help the Constabulary in the fight against rural crime:

- Cotswold Farm Machinery – supply a quad bike for 6/12 months – value £6,000
- Ace ATV – supply a UTV Buggy for 6/12 months – value £11,500

4. Financial and resource implications

The value of the machines provided are:

- Quad bike - £6,000
- UTV Buggy - £11,500

The suppliers will take care of all servicing and repairs. The costs to the Constabulary will be fuel for the vehicles and the cost of any damage to the vehicles. Initial costs will be training and PPE. These costs will be covered from the existing budgets for Neighbourhood Policing.

The cost to the suppliers for providing these vehicles is minimal. They will obtain these vehicles at cost prices and will sell them as an ex-demo vehicle.

5. Risk assessment

A risk assessment will be completed for the use of the vehicles.

6. Equality & Diversity impact assessment

N/A

7. Environmental impact assessment

N/A

8. Consultation

Consultation has taken place within the Constabulary including H&S, Fleet, Driver Training, Legal, ACC Operations, Corporate Comms and Finance.

9. Discussed with Communications & Engagement

Comms and Engagement will be involved in the announcement of the sponsorship and with the campaigns which will make use of these vehicles.

10. Conclusion

That the sponsorship offers from Cotswold Farm Machinery and ACE ATV are approved.

Originator approval

Name: Peter Skelton

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Job title: Chief Finance Officer

Signature: Peter Skelton

Date: 15/06/18

Chief Executive approval

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P.D.L.', written over a horizontal line.

Date: 18/6/18