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DECISION NUMBER: 05/2021
(to be completed on approval)

SUBMITTED TO: Chris Nelson, Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire

SUBJECT: Summary of papers agreed at Constabulary Governance Board 21 September 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Constabulary Governance Board met on 21 September 2021 and was attended by the following persons - Deputy Chief Constable, ACC Crime, Justice and Vulnerability, Head of People Services and Workforce Development, Chief Finance Officer, Head of Public Affairs, OPCC – Deputy Chief Executive, Chief Constable`s Chief of Staff and Jenny Fullerton.

Apologies were offered by the Chief Constable, ACC Local Policing and Public Contact, Detective Chief Superintendent Operational Standards and Performance.

The following papers were discussed at CGB and are shared with PCC Governance Board.

For decision:-

1. ICT server replacement
2. PCC Manifesto implementation – funding proposals

For information:-

1. Approach to Better Together document

RECOMMENDATION:

PCC Governance Board is asked to note the papers presented to CGB and the decisions taken.

Full details of the papers are attached.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY:



Signature:

Date: 30.09.2021

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire

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Is this a decision of significant public interest?

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Details contained within the matrix for each paper.

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<p>d) <i>is prohibited by any enactment.</i> e) <i>breaches commercial sensitivity</i></p>	
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ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	Comments including who has approved the report if applicable
Has legal advice been sought on this submission if required?	Details contained within the matrix for each paper.
Has the Chief Finance Officer been consulted, if required?	Details contained within the matrix for each paper.
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered, as appropriate?	Details contained within the matrix for each paper.
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Details contained within the matrix for each paper.
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media, community, staff or partner interest and how they might be managed?	Details contained within the matrix for each paper.
Have all relevant implications and risks been considered?	Details contained within the matrix for each paper.

PART ONE – For publication

Decision papers

1. ICT server replacement

Head of People Services and Workforce Development, Zoe Durrant (ZD) presented the paper to CGB which was a follow up to a previous report submitted to the Finance Panel in May 2021.

The paper outlined the proposed approach to replacing a number of servers which are hosted on premises at Waterwells. The warranties for these servers are due to expire at the end of December 2021 and whilst that does not mean they will become in-operable, it does mean that we need to ensure that the data and systems hosted by the servers are preserved. Having considered the options, it was recommended that the servers should be replaced.

The cost of replacing the servers is £824k subject to the normal procurement processes through South West Police Procurement Services (SWPPS).

The paper also outlined a proposed programme of work that ICT will undertake to develop our approach to `cloud` based servers and whether that fits in with the Constabulary business model.

The recommendations put before CGB were as follows:

1. Give permission to spend £824k on replacement “on premises” servers subject to SWPPS procurement processes.
2. ICT to develop and implement a `cloud` approach within the next 12-24 months (i.e. before summer 2023), the cost of which is built into the 2022/ 23 and MTFP.
3. Approve an increase to the capital programme in 2021/22 of £824k to be funded by borrowing, which will be repaid through making a minimum revenue provision starting in 2022/23 of £82.4k p.a. to be incorporated into the 2022/23 Medium Term Financial Plan.

The CFO, Jane Heppel (JH) informed the meeting that the £824k would be financed as detailed at point (4) of the paper.

Point 4.6 states, “The cost of these servers will be capitalised and charged to the Revenue Budget as a Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP). Estimated as a 10 year period, this will increase the MRP charge (from 2022/23 onwards) by approximately £82.4k.”

The Deputy Chief Constable agreed with all the recommendations.

Recommendation for PCC Governance board

The paper is now remitted to PCC Governance Board for approval of these recommendations.

The PCC is asked to support the recommendation regarding the funding proposal.

2. PCC Manifesto implementation

This paper was presented to CGB by the CFO, Jane Heppel.

The paper outlined the plan to deliver the beginnings of the uplift that the PCC wishes to make in the Force, pending future tax rises which will be required to deliver on all parts of the plan.

It also recognises and proposes the means of meeting the in-year savings gap for governance purposes although action is already underway to achieve those targets.

The recommendations put forward to CGB included:-

1. Approve the revenue budget changes at appendix 2 (of the CGB paper) enabling the Force to move forward with implementation of the PCC manifesto commitments. This will be funded by the PCC's smoothing reserve and budgets identified for revenue contribution to capital outlay. This represents a change in the way capital financing is funded and paid for which the PCC CFO has approved.
2. Approve the revenue budget changes at appendix 3 (of the CGB paper), enabling the Force to formally close its budget gap in the current financial year.

The Deputy Chief Constable approved the contents of the paper.

Recommendation for PCC Governance board

The paper is now remitted to PCC Governance Board for approval of these recommendations.

Papers for noting

1. Approach to Better Together

CGB were presented with an updated version of the Better Together document which had been amended following feedback from a previous CGB meeting.

CGB approved the contents of the new document and agreed that it should be shared with OPCC and the wider organisation.

Recommendation for PCC Governance board

PCC Governance Board is asked to note the approach to Better Together document.

Summary for PCCG

PCC Governance board is asked to approve the papers:-

1. ICT Server replacement
2. PCC Manifesto implementation

To note the papers:-

1. Approach to Better Together

SPONSORING BOARD MEMBER APPROVAL

Name: Jon Stratford

Job title: Deputy Chief Constable

Signature:



Date: 23/09/2021

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:



Date: 23/09/2021