

Officer Decision Record – Executive Decision

Decision Ref. No.

B061/23

OFFICER DECISION RECORD ⁱ

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Subject: Procurement of Mobilising System for Fire Control Collaboration	
Type of Decision: Executive	Key Decision (Executive Functions only): Yes
Officer Contact: Alex Woodman Tel: 01992 507500	Executive Member: Morris Bright Portfolio (Executive Functions only): Community Protection

1. Decision

Decision is required to confirm contract approval and financial spend to procure the new control room solution following a successful procurement.

2. Reasons for the decision

To deliver a resilient, future-proofed mobilising solution to the Fire Control Collaboration which enables Hertfordshire and Norfolk Fire and Rescue services to individually and collectively provide a high-quality response to incidents protecting lives and property. This solution will be responsive to emerging technologies and act as a driver to continued service improvement.

This business justification case gained formal approval to invest up to a total of £4.2million within the years 2023 to 2029 – which had been approved previously when going out to tender as The East Coast and Hertfordshire Control Room Consortium (EHCRC).

3. Alternative options considered and rejected

The core activities of the organisation are to answer and mobilise to 999 calls as stated in the Fire Services Act 2004.

The contract for the current mobilising system is due to end on 31st March 2025. This was procured by four services working together as a Consortium. With the dissolution of the Consortium HFRS are required to procure a new mobilising system. As part of this a collaborative approach with Norfolk FRS was agreed.

The only other option would have been to procure alone which would have not provided fire service resilience or value for money.

4. Consultation (see Summary of Requirements below)

Was any Councillor consulted? ~~Yes/No~~ (delete as applicable)

If yes:

(a) Comments of Executive Member/Committee Chairman (delete as applicable)

(b) Comments of other consultees

5. Any conflict of interest declared by a councillor who has been consulted in relation to the decision

N/A

6. I am proceeding with the proposed decision.

Signed: Alex Woodman

Title: Executive Director and Chief Fire Officer Community Protection

Date: 16 June 2023

Copies of record to:

- All consultees
- hard & electronic copy (if required to be made available for public inspection) to Democratic Services Manager - Room 213 County Hall.ⁱⁱ

Summary of Requirements to Inform/Consult Councillors

Significance of Proposed Action	Controversial	Relevant Councillor(s) to be Consulted
Technical/Professional/ Routine	No	No need to inform or consult councillors
Technical/Professional/ Routine	Yes	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member and, where appropriate, Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Relevant Committee Chairman and, where appropriate, Local Councillor</p>
Local	No	<p>Executive Functions: Inform Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Inform Local Councillor</p>
Local	Yes	<p>Executive Functions: Consult Lead Executive Member and Local Councillor</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult Local Councillor</p>
General or County-wide	No	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s)</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman</p>
General or County-wide	Yes	<p>Executive Functions: Consult relevant Lead Executive Member (s) and the Leader of the Council</p> <p>Non-Executive Functions: Consult relevant Committee Chairman/Leaders of all Political Groups</p>