



Reference No: 2021-0007491

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

### DECISION RECORD FORM

**REQUEST:** For PCC approval.

**Title:** ECINS Extension

**Executive Summary:**

Recommendations from serious case reviews at both national and local levels, highlighted the need to improve information sharing between organisations when supporting vulnerable individuals. In support of this a service specification was produced to go out to procurement, for a system that would provide a collaborative platform where multiple local partners could work together and share information in real time, to resolve issues and protect vulnerable individuals.

As a result of this, ECINS (Empowering Communities Inclusion and Neighbourhood Management System) was procured in September 2015 as the only system that could fulfil the service specification. The initial procurement was for 3 years, up to September 2018.

The system was renewed on the government GCloud framework in 2018 on an initial 2 year contract with the option to renew on an annual basis for a further 2 years. The decision to extend the ECINS contract for an optional year is due in September 2021.

The primary partners on ECINS are Cleveland Police, Cleveland Fire Brigade, Local Authorities, local Housing Associations and local voluntary sector organisations. Partnership use of ECINS is governed by a memorandum of understanding and local information sharing agreements.

As the system has now been in place for a number of years, a review of the use of ECINS has been undertaken, including system usage and consultation with ECINS users. The outcome of the review showed that usage of the system has dropped off significantly and the system is currently delivering limited value for money for the public of Cleveland. However, there are key areas within Integrated Offender Management and the Divert program that are well established on ECINS, where alternative arrangements will need to be made to ensure business continuity if ECINS is no longer available.

To allow time to establish effective business continuity measures; to further understand any risks of moving away from ECINS and exit planning arrangements to be put in place, it is requested that the license for ECINS be renewed for a period of 6 months from 1 October 2021 - 31 March 2022.

**Decision:**

To approve the extension of the ECINS system for a 6 month period (1 October 2021 - 31

March 2022) at the value of £23,340 excluding VAT

**OPCC Lead Officer:** Denise Holian

**Contractor Details (if applicable):** Empowering Communities

**Implications:**

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

Funding is available within the 2021/22 budget to support this extension

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

Equality and Diversity Implications

Equality Impact Assessment to be considered as part of exit planning arrangements

Human Rights Implications

NONE

Sustainability Implications

Risk Management Implications

Cleveland Police to consider alternative, secure methods of sharing information when ECINS is no longer in use, to manage the risks around information sharing.

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Monitoring Officer**

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed  Date 5/11/21

**Police and Crime Commissioner:**

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed  Date 8/11/21

