



## **Report of the Chief Constable to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland.**

**Status: For Decision**

### **Procurement report for the Commissioning of the Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment**

#### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 In April 2022, the Government announced that 20 police force areas across the country would receive funding to support the Violence Reduction Units (VRU's), where it was confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland will receive a budget of £3.5m over the next three years to establish a local VRU.
- 1.2 Locally, the VRU will be named Cleveland's Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV). The work of CURV will be supported by a range of complementary partnership action, with £1.4m of investment in 'Grip' activity, which will support the police to take additional enforcement activity in specific hotspot locations most affected by serious violence.
- 1.3 At a local level, preventing, reducing and tackling serious violence is a key priority in the PCC's - Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.4 Nationally, the VRU programme forms a key part of the Government's suite of actions to tackle serious violent crime as set out in the Beating Crime Plan.
- 1.5 As a mandatory requirement, the Home Office has specified that Violence Reduction Units are required to produce a Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA), identifying the drivers of serious violence acting in the local area and taking steps to identify the cohorts and communities most affected; and a response strategy, describing the multi-agency response being delivered by the VRU, its members and other partners that will tackle the drivers identified and work to reduce serious violence in the specified local area.

- 1.6 Overseen by the CURV Governance Group, the SNA will be used to inform the CURV Response Strategy and Delivery Plan, including priority setting and future commissioning intentions. There is an expectation that the SNA will be refreshed on an annual basis.

## 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Police and Crime Commissioner notes the procurement process used to appoint a contract for the Commissioning of Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment.
- 2.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner accept recommendation of the Evaluation Team to award the contract to Bidder 2.

## 3.0 Background

- 3.1 An advert was placed in Contracts Finder and the Bluelight E-tendering system inviting suppliers to bid for the service. An open tender was carried out using EU Supply as the tender portal, advertising the contract in Contract Finder as per the Public Procurement Regulations 2015.
- 3.2 26 suppliers expressed an interest in the Tender, however only 4 submitted a tender response by the closing date on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
- 3.3 In addition to a number of mandatory pass/fail questions such as mandatory/discretionary exclusion/financial viability/ Insurance etc., the evaluation criterion was 80% Quality and Service Delivery and 20% Price.
- 3.4 The evaluation team, which consisted of key members from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Force and Middlesbrough Council, evaluated the bid in line with the criteria set out within the Tender document and moderation was conducted to finalise the score as per the table below:

<b>Pass/Fail</b>					
<b>Question</b>	<b>Pass/Fail</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>	<b>B4</b>
EU Supply Part 2	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Eu Supply Part 3	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Financial	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Equality and Diversity	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Ethical Procurement	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Environmental	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Health and Safety	Pass/Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
<b>Quality</b>					
	<b>80%</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>	<b>B4</b>
Social Value	10%	3.00%	4.00%	4.00%	6.00%
Methodology	40%	16.00%	36.00%	12.00%	24.00%

Experience	10%	4.00%	9.00%	3.00%	6.00%
Diversity of Views	10%	1.00%	9.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Value for Money	5%	1.50%	4.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Equality and Diversity	5%	1.50%	3.50%	0.50%	1.50%
<b>Total Quality</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>27.00%</b>	<b>66.00%</b>	<b>21.00%</b>	<b>39.00%</b>
<b>Price</b>					
	<b>20%</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>	<b>B4</b>
		#DIV/0!	20.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
<b>Total Price</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>20.00%</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>	<b>#DIV/0!</b>
<b>Total</b>					
	<b>100%</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>B3</b>	<b>B4</b>
		#DIV/0!	86.00%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!

3.5 Only Bidder 2 scored over 40% on the quality scores which was the threshold to be taken forward to price evaluation.

3.6 The evaluation team were confident that Bidder 2 can deliver a good service to the PCC.

## 4 Implications

### 4.1 Financial

The Financial Envelope for this contract was set at £65,000 in year 1, with a further £25,000 per annum for year 2, however it was agreed that this could be increased to ensure a quality outcome.

Years 3 & 4 were subject to funding

Bidder 2 submitted price for this service at £90,000 for delivering the service in year 1 with a further £50,000 for year 2.

### 4.2 Diversity & Equal Opportunities

Diversity and Equality Implications have been considered as part of this tender and specification development.

### 4.3 Human Rights Act

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

### 4.4 Sustainability

Social Value Questions and Sustainability were included within the scored area of the tender. No implications arise from this procurement.

### 4.5 Risk

There are no risks associated with the award of this contract.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 The Evaluation Team is confident that the procurement exercise has been conducted in a fair, comprehensive, thorough and transparent process.
- 5.2 The Recommended Bidder has submitted the Most Economically Advantageous Tender and the evaluation team are confident they will be able to deliver a successful product.

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