



Reference No: 2022-0002

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: To approve the results of a procurement process for a Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment.

Title: Procurement report for the commissioning of a Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment.

Executive Summary:

In April 2022, the Government announced that 20 police force areas across the country would receive funding to support Violence Reduction Units (VRUs), 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.

Locally, the VRU will be named Cleveland 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.

At a local level, preventing, reducing and tackling serious violence is a key priority in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Details of the Procurement Process are included in the appended report.

Decision:

That the Police and Crime Commissioner note the procurement process used to appoint a contract for the Serious Violence Strategic Needs Assessment.

The Police and Crime Commissioner accept recommendation of the Evaluation Team to award the contract to Bidder 2.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Crest Advisory Group

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)

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.

The costs over and above the amount originally expected to be spent within this area will need to be absorbed within the overall CURV budget.

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

Having read the procurement report and considered the information provided at the time being asked to express this view, the Monitoring Officer is satisfied that this report does not ask the Police and Crime Commissioner to make a decision which would (or would likely to) give rise to a contravention of the law.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

Diversity and Equality Implications have been considered as part of this tender and specification development including a specific evaluation questions relating to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.

Human Rights Implications:

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

Sustainability Implications

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

Risk Management Implications

There are no risks associated with the contract.

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 11/07/2022.....

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.



Signed Date 12/07/2022.....