

PART ONE ITEM 12

Digital Interview Recording (DIR) Aborted Project Write Off Costs

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Title:	DIR Aborted Project Write Off Costs
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Purpose:	The Joint Audit Committee should be presented with details of amounts written off in excess of £20,000 for capital schemes or work in progress project costs that have been approved by the PCC's CFO.
ACPO / Strategic Lead:	Paul Bundy
National Decision Model compliance:	Yes
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1. Background

- 1.1. In accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner's and Chief Constable's Financial Regulations The Chief Constable's Executive Director of Commercial & Financial Services may agree the write off of any capital schemes or project costs that are work in progress up to the value of £20,000.
- **1.2.** The PCC's Chief Finance Officer may approve the write off of capital schemes or project costs that are work in progress over £20,000.
- 1.3. Amounts written off in excess of £20,000 will be reported to the Joint Audit Committee in Surrey.

2. Digital Interview Recording (DIR) Aborted Project Costs Written Off

- **2.1.** This project was to join Surrey Police stand-alone DIR recorders to an existing Sussex Police networked DIR system. The project experienced multiple IT, infrastructure, interface and user issues within a context of old technology becoming increasingly unstable.
- **2.2.** The Server 2008 database operating system is not supported from July 2019, presenting further risk to any system using that platform, including the DIR project. New recorder software for Niche interface would require re-build for all recording devices, the Sussex system was also then in need of upgrade and regional work was likely to offer new risks and opportunities for digital recording services, adding to the obsolescence of this project.
- **2.3.** An exception report was presented to the Change Assessment Board on 25 March 2019 recommending to stop the project which was agreed at the Strategic Change Board on 8 April 2019.

3. Conclusion[s]

3.1. Risks / Equalities / Human Rights implications (if applicable)

3.2. As there would be no asset created, it was recommended that the asset register be adjusted to write off the capital costs associated with the DIR project of £94,581.25. This was later approved by the PCC's Chief Finance Officer Ian Perkin.

	£
Indico Streaming Server Licences	92,025.00
UAT Stage Payment - following test facility	2,556.25
Total write off requested	94,581.25

4. Decision[s] Required

4.1. This paper is for information only.