

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Body Worn Video
Decision number: 118/2016
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Protective Marking: Part One

Executive Summary:

The PCC is asked to agree to an award of contract to Reveal Media (www.revealmedia.co.uk) for the one-off purchase of Body Worn Video equipment to include a 20 month warrantee at a cost of £615,433. Expenditure will be from the 2015/16 capital budget. This will be a direct award under the East Midlands Framework Agreement for Body Worn Video, allowing for the same encryption capabilities to enable joint working with Sussex back-office systems.

Background

The PCC has long been a strong advocate for the merits of Body Worn Video, arguing that this equipment brings substantial benefits such as:

- An increase in early charges and cautions
- A reduction in, and faster resolution of complaints made against police officers
- Deterring suspects from abusive or violent behaviour
- Supporting vulnerable victims who may not be willing or able to attend court
- Cashable savings and return on investment by saving in officer time, facilitated by
 - o increasing the accuracy of evidence presented at court;
 - o reducing the need for extended court room prosecutions due to increased guilty pleas

Following a recent public consultation, the Force has decided to issue cameras to those officers and staff working on the front-line (including PCSOs and Special Constables). This includes the Area Patrol Teams (from April 2016), Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Probationer Development Units and Roads Police Units. The Force intends to procure 1,220 cameras (with licenses), 55 docking stations and 18 stand-alone PCs. Implementation will be within three months of purchase of the equipment. A project team of 5 individuals will ensure the initial operational efficiency in terms of editing, storage and retrieval of the video assets.

The OPCC has seen the detailed business case for this proposal.

Recommendation

- That the PCC agrees to the award of contract to Reveal Media for the purchase of Body Worn Video equipment at a cost of £615,433 from the 2015/16 capital budget

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 02/02/2016

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The previous Chief Constable conducted a public consultation on the question of whether to issue Body Worn Video.

Financial implications

The initial capital costs for purchase of cameras, docking stations and stand-alone PCs totals £615,433.60. There is an on-going revenue cost for an audio video technician of £38k per annum and an initial revenue outlay of £225k across 2016/17 and 2017/18 for project officer implementation costs.

Legal

None for the PCC.

Risks

None raised for the PCC.

Equality and diversity

No issues for the PCC.