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Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire

Notice of Decision

Decision Title: Agreement for the Provision of Legal Services to the Police and Crime Commissioner in Warwickshire

Decision Reference Number: WPCC3-0052

Lead Officer: Polly Reed, Chief Executive

If force business, date approved by Chief Officer: n/a

Date: 3 May 2022

Status: Non confidential

If confidential or partly confidential, rationale:*

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Decision summary:

The purpose of the agreement is to document the arrangements agreed by the Parties for the provision of Legal Services for The Police and Crime Commissioner for Warwickshire, who will make available a budget for the provision of these services for each financial year. Warwickshire Legal Services are committed to working with the PCC to achieve this.

This decision is to be signed by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Conflict of Interest Protocol in. I confirm that my register of interests declaration is up to date and that none of my interests preclude me from making this decision.

Signature:

Polly Reed

Date:

13 May 2022,

Supporting information

1. Background information

Warwickshire Legal Services provide legal advice to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Office, in a Service Level Agreement let under the Goods and Services Act 1970. The agreement will begin on 1 April 2022 and will remain in force until 31 May 2025. It may be terminated by either party giving the other party at least 12 months' notice in writing to expire on 31 March in any year.

2. List of additional information attached as appendices

Copy of the Service Level Agreement

3. Expected benefits

This is an efficient way of procuring appropriate legal advice in a proportionate way for the service required. Warwickshire Legal Services have provided legal advice for a number of years, and have demonstrated that they have the skills, expertise and capacity to manage the requirements of the office. Due to the longstanding duration of the agreement, there is an element of historical knowledge which is invaluable for current legal advice.

4. Impact of not approving the application

The service would need to be procured from elsewhere, with less certainty of the outcome in respect of cost and benefit.

5. Costs (including any identified savings)

The OPCC will make a budget available of no less than £45,000 per annum.

6. Equality implications

None identified

7. Legal comments

This SLA has been agreed under the Local Authorities (Goods and Services Act) 1970

8. Publication

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Comments from the Treasurer

An annual budget for this service will be available for this work, within the PCC's revenue budget.

Comments from the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer

This arrangement has been procured through a legitimate means, and is an effective and efficient way of benefiting from legal advice on the breadth of the role.

