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**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

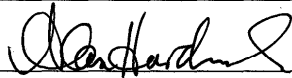
REF: 021/2013
DATE: 28 June 2013

SUBJECT		LIVE LINKS
REPORT BY	ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE HEATHER ROACH	
CONTACT OFFICER	Julie Hogan, Head of Strategic Development Telephone 01522 558243	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
To implement a live video link between Lincoln Police Station and Lincoln Magistrates Court in order to reduce time spent by officers awaiting court appearances and increase productivity.		
RECOMMENDATION	<i>To approve budget for implementation of 'Live Links'.</i>	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature:



Date: 28/06/13

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The government CJS efficiency programme launched in July 2011 seeks to increase the digitalisation of the CJS to achieve greater efficiency. Component 8 of the delivery matrix relates to the development of Live Links which is a video conferencing system between the courts and police stations reducing the need for officers to attend court to give evidence.
2. Whilst the Live Links facility is currently being implemented for the use of police officers giving evidence, it has potential to pave the way for a wider use of video conferencing such as:
 - Expert and other witnesses to give evidence by live link.
 - Search warrant and PACE applications to be made via live link.
 - Production orders to be replaced by linking police stations to prisons.
 - Video conferencing between Police, CPS and defence.
3. As of January 2013, 13 forces prepare to embrace the Live Link technology. ACPO have confirmed that the new technology will be funded by the 13 forces

themselves. Within our region, both Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire have installed a Live Link facility which as yet is due to go live. Leicestershire Police are still in the scoping stages. Lincolnshire's Chief Constable is the ACPO lead for the Courts and is a key driver in the development of a Live Links facility at Lincolnshire.

4. Other forces that have implemented Live Links have evidence of officer time saved. If implemented in Lincolnshire, the process will be carefully managed and monitored to ensure benefits are fully realised and consideration of further investment in the project for other areas in Lincolnshire is informed and evidence based.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES

5. Live Links supports the Police and Crime Plan objectives of a fair deal for the people of Lincolnshire and Police and services that are there when you need them. The facility will provide an opportunity for officers to be more efficient, for example carrying out telephone based crime enquiries whilst awaiting the video link instead of waiting at court. It will also negate the need to travel to the court so can increase the time officers are available to the public.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The recommended option in the business case is one facility (at Lincoln West Parade) supported by a 3-year support and maintenance contract. The overall cost is £35,370. Capital funding of £15,637 is required in year one, with revenue funding of £6,577 required in years 1, 2 and 3.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

The PCC is responsible for setting the budget for policing, including budget for projects.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

Personnel and equalities issues have been considered in development of the business case and will be further considered throughout project delivery.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The project will be managed under Prince2 through the Continuous Improvement Unit working under the Force Transformation Board governance structure. Regular reports will be submitted to the Force Transformation Board and the project sponsor, ACC Roach.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The project will identify and manage risks relating to this project.

H. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

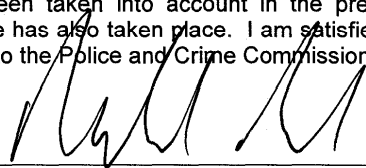
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Originating Officer: Assistant Chief Constable Roach recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	✓
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
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Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	✓
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. M. A.', written over the printed text of the approval statement.

Date: 29/6/13