


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

REF: 011-2015

DATE: 6 March 2015

SUBJECT		PROVISION OF INTEGRATED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REPORT BY	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To report on the outcome of the commissioning process for an integrated restorative justice service for victims of crime and anti-social behaviour in Lincolnshire.		
RECOMMENDATION	<i>That the award of the contract to Restorative Solutions CiC for the provision of Integrated Restorative Justice Services for Lincolnshire from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016, be published.</i>	
POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.		
Signature:  Date: 06/03/15		

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. Following a Government consultation in 2012 (Getting it Right for Victims and Witnesses), the victims' commissioning landscape has seen significant changes including the transfer of responsibilities from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) to enable local commissioning of emotional and practical support services for victims of crime.
2. To enable local commissioning, grant funding has been provided to PCCs by the MoJ under powers given to the Secretary of State by S56 of the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 (DVCVA 2004). Grant funding has been provided to PCC's in the form of a 'Victims' Services Grant' which not only replaces the former MoJ general fund for victims and witnesses but also enhances the overall funding allocated to victims services.

3. Local commissioning of services for victims of crime presents an opportunity for the PCC to ensure that local services can respond to and meet local needs. An overview of the proposed commissioning arrangements for Victims Services in Lincolnshire is detailed here: <http://www.lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/024---2014-scanned.pdf>

PROVISION OF INTEGRATED RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SERVICES

4. The PCC is responsible under the grant funding agreement to commission Restorative Justice (RJ) services. Restorative processes bring those harmed by crime or conflict, and those responsible for the harm, into communication, enabling everyone affected by a particular incident to play a part in repairing the harm and finding a positive way forward.
5. Existing, locally commissioned RJ services funded by Lincolnshire County Council (Safer Communities) will cease on 31 March 2015. The PCC has undertaken a commissioning process for an integrated, whole system, victim-initiated restorative service for victims of crime and anti-social behaviour in Lincolnshire that builds on existing best practice.
6. The invitation to tender for the provision of integrated RJ services was published via the Bluelight Portal on 24 October 2014 with a closing date of 3 December 2014. Following a tender evaluation process, the contract was awarded to Restorative Solutions CiC for a 12 month period commencing 1 April 2015.

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

Victims of crime are central to the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Plan (2013 – 2017). The PCC is committed to ensuring that victims of crime are supported, listened to and kept informed. Additionally, the Police and Crime Plan sets out a commitment to ensuring that victims see real benefits from the significant changes to the victims' commissioning landscape:

- *"...victims of crime are central to this plan and deserve to be supported and listed to and kept informed of progress in relation to their crime. They need our support through court proceedings or through restorative justice where they can play a part to bring an appropriate and more satisfactory end to their experience..."*
- *"...unwavering support for close working with partners to protect children and vulnerable adults. Working with the Safeguarding Boards we will explore opportunities to support and improve multi-agency working"*
- *"...where appropriate we will use restorative justice so offenders are confronted with the reality of the crime they commit and victims have the satisfaction of seeing the offender brought to book. This will not be appropriate in all cases but evidence shows first time offenders can be*

deterred from offending by restorative justice options which can involve putting damage right or other forms of reparation”

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Grant funding for the period 1st April 2015 to 31 March 2016 will be £70,000.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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

Section 143 of the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides Police and Crime Commissioners with powers to provide or commission services.

Within the meaning of this section, a PCC may provide or arrange for the provision of:

- (a) services that in the opinion of the PCC will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the PCC's area;
- (b) services that are intended by the PCC to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour;
- (c) services of a description specified in an order made by the Secretary of State.

A PCC arranging for the provision of services under S.143 may make grants in connection with the arrangements. A grant may be subject to any conditions (including conditions as to repayment) that the PCC thinks appropriate.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

The Police and Crime Commissioner must ensure that services commissioned under the Victims Services Grant are:

- i. Provided free of charge
- ii. Confidential
- iii. Non-discriminatory (including being available to all regardless of residence status, nationality or citizenship)
- iv. Available whether or not a crime has been reported to the police
- v. Available before, during and for an appropriate time after any investigation or criminal proceedings
- vi. Compliant with requirements under the Data Protection Act (DPA) when dealing with personal data and sensitive personal data

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

Review and evaluation arrangements will be put in place to ensure that required outcomes have been achieved.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

As part of contract management requirements – this will be a core part of the procurement and subsequent contract management process.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Information in this form along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC's website within one working day of approval. However, if release by that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved, publication may be deferred. An explanation for any deferment must be provided below, together with a date for publication.

Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No

If Yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate part 2 form.

Is there a part 2 form? No

If Yes, for what reason:

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

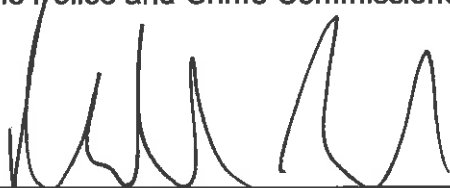
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Originating Officer: Howard Hunt, DCE recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	HH
The CC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	af
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	vx.

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:



Date:

6/3/15.

