

## Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Lincolnshire Request for Decision

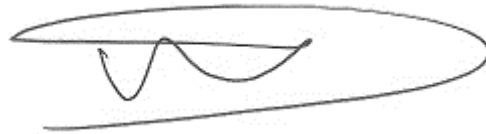
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**Date:** 15 May 2024

<b>Subject</b>	
<b>DEMS – Digital Evidence Management System</b>	
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Ch Insp Ian Richardson</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Nikki Mayo, Assistant Chief Constable</b> <b>Telephone: 01522 947499</b>
<b>Executive summary and purpose of report:</b> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the procurement and implementation of a new Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) across Lincolnshire Police.</p> <p>The proposed DEMS solution aims to address a number of issues surrounding the capture, processing, sharing and retention of digital evidence.</p> <p>The investment in a DEMS solution will mean an uplift in our ability to not only ingest CCTV from members of the public through the introduction of a public portal, but also provide the means for our staff to search across disparate systems for any digital evidence which may be linked to their investigation. It aligns with the Force Strategy 'Making Lincolnshire Safe' three main priorities, 'helping those in need', 'protecting from harm' and 'stopping crime and anti-social behaviour' by allowing the Force to work to provide a public facing function to capture essential digital evidence and to successfully prosecute offenders and safeguarding victims of crime in Lincolnshire.</p> <p>This project is captured within the DaDD (Digital and Data Directorate) business plan and the FMS (Force Management Statement) as being required within the next 12 months.</p> <p>Further priority for this project to go ahead includes the necessity for in-force hosting of data from EMSOU FS, the East Midlands Specialist Operations regional collaboration unit, as the current system contract comes to an end in 2025. The recommended solution is only available via the G cloud framework until Nov 2024.</p> <p>This business case met the threshold at the Business Case Panel in April 2024 and was approved at the extended COT (Chief Officer Team) meeting on 23/04/24 by the Chief Constable and his team.</p>	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the following item is considered and approved:  That the NICE DEMS solution is procured via the G-Cloud Framework.  This will result in an estimated capital investment of £355,615 at implementation plus total revenue costs of £1,240,012 over the 4-year lifespan of the contract.

	Provision for the revenue funding is included within the Recurrent Funding Budget whilst capital elements will be funded via borrowing.
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**Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire**

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



**Signature:**

**Date: 15 May 2024**

**a. Non-confidential facts and advice to the PCC**

**a1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1 The business case proposes the purchasing of a Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) for Lincolnshire Police and the recommended solution is used by all except one of the other Forces in our regional area. The system will allow us to manage data more effectively and also introduce a public portal for the ingestion of evidence such as ring doorbell footage. It will also allow businesses to submit CCTV evidence of criminal acts, saving countless officer hours travelling around collecting CCTV and mitigates the risk of not getting CCTV in a timely manner and subsequently failing to achieve prosecutions.

**a2. Links to Police and Crime Plan and PCC’s strategies/priorities**

- 2.1 This new system supports the Police and Crime Commissioner’s Strategic aims of:
- Policing that works: Holding the Chief Constable to account for the services he provides and ensure he continues to innovate and transform the service and gives the frontline officers the “right tools for the job” to respond to the diverse needs of our communities.
  - Protecting and Supporting Victims and the Vulnerable: Ensure victims and survivors receive appropriate, timely support from all relevant agencies during their journey through the criminal justice system.

**b. Financial considerations**

- 3.1 Capital costs of £355,615 are estimated for storage and configuration to be funded through borrowing. Revenue costs totalling £1,240,012 over the 4 years are to be funded from ringfenced allocation set aside in recurrent funding for the Digital Evidence Management System project.

**c. Legal and human rights considerations**

4.1 The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (“the Act”) makes provision for the governance and administration of police forces. The Act charges the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire with securing the maintenance, efficiency, and effectiveness of Lincolnshire Police.

**d. Personnel and equalities issues**

5.1 The PCC requires all providers / contractors to have policies in place to demonstrate their commitment and meet all applicable legislative requirements in relation to personnel and equality issues.

**e. Review arrangements**

6.1 The procurement, advertisement and recruitment will be the responsibility of the business departments receiving support from the Commercial & Contract Management Department and HR Department. Once the project becomes business as usual the system will be owned by the Core Digital Policing team and have a dedicated config specialist as defined in the business case.

**f. Risk management**

7.1 All risks are being managed in accordance with existing Force policies and procedures and monitored as part of the ongoing Project Risks. The Force has three formal risks on its register relating to this project.

**g. Public access to information**

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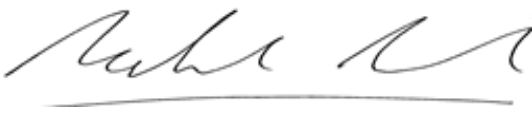
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## Declarations

Originating Officer:	Initial to confirm
ACC Nicola Mayo recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above	NM

The following people have been consulted on this proposal:	
The CC's Director of Finance and Corporate Services (S151)	SC
The Chief Constable	PG
The PCC's Chief Finance Officer	JF
The PCC's Monitoring Officer	MB

## Officer approval

Chief Executive	
<p>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.</p>	
<p>Signature: </p>	<p>Date: 15 May 2024</p>