

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Appointment of Consultants for Fire and Rescue Governance Project

Decision number: 020/2017

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Executive Summary:

In order to progress the project to look at options for Fire and Rescue governance in Surrey, the Police and Crime Commissioner has tendered for consultants to carry out the options analysis.

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey have evaluated the tender submissions received and the preferred supplier is KPMG and the cost will be £58,875.

Background

The new Policing and Crime Bill will make provision for PCCs to take on the role of governance for the Fire and Rescue Authorities where there is a business case to do so. The Policing and Crime Bill legislation sets out the options for PCCs to consider:

1. Do nothing in terms of governance and improve collaboration
2. Keep the two services of police and fire separate but allow the PCC to sit on the Fire and Rescue Authority to participate in strategic decisions on the fire service's future (representation model)
3. Keep the two services operationally and financially independent but fire and rescue to be under the direct governance of the PCC (governance model)
4. Merge the services under the strategic governance of the PCC and the operational command of a Chief Officer (single employer model)

A project has been set up within the OPCC to oversee development of options in order for the PCC and partners to decide on the best option for Surrey. It was decided to employ consultants to develop an options appraisal in order to provide independent analysis, provide expertise in financial analysis and business change, to follow emerging national best practice and to provide assistance to staff in the OPCC.

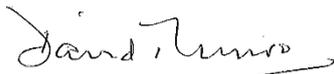
A full tender process was carried out with the assistance of Surrey Police Procurement Department. Five tenders were received and a panel carried out the evaluation of the tenders, including advice from procurement.

Recommendation:

That the PCC approves the use of KPMG in undertaking the options analysis work for the Fire and Rescue governance project and agrees expenditure of £58,875.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 17/07/2017

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

Surrey Police and Surrey Fire and Rescue service have been involved in the selection of the consultants.

Financial implications

The contract is for £58,875. The aim of the project is to evaluate the best option for Fire and Rescue governance in Surrey. This will include consideration of costs and potential savings to be made.

Legal

Surrey Police procurement department have advised throughout the process to ensure that all legal requirements in the procurement process have been met.

Risks

All full risk register is kept with regard to the overall project to determine future Fire and Rescue Governance in Surrey. There are no specific risks in relation to the appointment of consultants.

Equality and diversity

No specific issues identified for this decision. If the options analysis then leads to a business case for change, this business case will include an Equalities Impact Assessment and consultation will be carried out which will be representative across a range of demographics.

Risks to human rights

No specific issues