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Thanks for the time spent yesterday, it was useful to catch up and share information on the story so far. We had an NPAS working group, which I'm on, yesterday, which will feed into the full board meeting on 25th June. We had NPCC the aviation lead present an abridged version of his report to group and a Q&A discussion, which will feed into reporting for 25/6. I've left my papers in the office, but it would be useful for us to have another chat before 25th and after board papers are out.

I made clear at meeting (as I always do!) that an alternative commercial model needs a lot of assurance doing on it, and I start from a position of scepticism, and if NPAS costs £56m and the commercial model £53m then we/NPAS need a lot of detailed work on a proposal which hasn't even identified potential partner(s). PCCs won't be rushed on what is a fundamental decision for air support in this country. NPAS can look at a streamlined model but I understand they should do that alongside commercial exploration.

I've been through outsourcing with 2 local authorities and a police authority and it struggles longer term, as we know too well.

My fundamental point of moving to any kind of federated system, and I know things work relatively well in NE, is resolving conflicting demands for air support and I know nationally around 30% of traffic into regions comes from services outside that region, so it is a key factor.

The clock is ticking as I reminded them yesterday – we don't want a rushed decision making process – but at the other end, a number of PCCs will leave office next May and this must be resolved before then.

Happy to discuss further in due course and welcome any comments.

Regards
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