



Reference No: 2022-0017

THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police & Crime Commissioner Approval

Title: Procurement report for the Commissioning of a Research and Evaluation Partner

Executive Summary:

In April 2022, the Government announced that 20 police force areas across the country would receive funding to support the Violence Reduction Units (VRU's), where it was confirmed that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland will receive a budget of £3.5m over the next three years to establish a local VRU.

Locally, the VRU will be named Cleveland's Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV). The work of CURV will be supported by a range of complementary partnership action, with £1.4m of investment in 'Grip' activity, which will support the police to take additional enforcement activity in specific hotspot locations most affected by serious violence.

At a local level, preventing, reducing and tackling serious violence is a key priority in the PCC's Police and Crime Plan.

Nationally, the VRU programme forms a key part of the Government's suite of actions to tackle serious violent crime as set out in the Beating Crime Plan.

As a mandatory requirement, the Home Office has specified that Violence Reduction Units must conduct a local evaluation, evidencing the action being taken to build upon the Strategic Needs Assessment and Response Strategy to reduce serious violence. In addition, any information relating to local evaluations should form part of CURV's annual report.

The Research and Evaluation Partner will be embedded into CURV.

An open tender was carried out using EU Supply as the tender portal, advertising the contract in Contract Finder as per the Public Procurement Regulations 2015.

Details of the Procurement Process are included in the appended report.

Decision:

That the Police and Crime Commissioner note the procurement process used to appoint a contract for the Research and Evaluation Partner.

The Police and Crime Commissioner accept recommendation of the Evaluation Team to award the contract to Bidder 2.

OPCC Lead Officer: Rachelle Kipling

Contractor Details (if applicable): Crest Advisory Group			
Implications:			
Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(If yes please provide further details below)			

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The Financial Envelope for this contract was set at £65,000 per annum, however the first-year budget was £86,666 as it covered 16 months.

Years 3 & 4 were subject to funding but anticipated this to be £65,000

Bidder 2 submitted price for this service at:

Year 1 - £84,844

Year 2 - £60,633

Years 3 & 4 (subject to funding) - £62,633

Therefore, savings of £10,923 over the contract term.

The full costs of this contract will be paid for from the CURV budget that has been the subject of additional funding awarded to the PCC.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Diversity and Equality implications have been considered as part of this tender and specification development.

Human Rights Implications

There are no Human Rights Act implications arising from this report.

Sustainability Implications

Social Value Questions and Sustainability were included within the scored area of the tender. There are no implications arising from this procurement.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risks associated with the contract.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed



Date 17/10/2022

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 20/10/2022