



AVON & SOMERSET

POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER

PCC DECISION

REF 2024/002

Decision Title: Final Business Case – Digital Interview Recording

Decision summary:

The PCC's Governance & Scrutiny Board approved a Final Business Case on 17/07/24 in support of the procurement of replacement **Digital Interview Recording hardware**.

Background or reference to supporting papers:

ASP had produced a fully costed Final Business Case in support of the replacement of Digital Interview Recording hardware. Digital Interview Recording (DIR) is used within ASP for all Suspect, Victim and Witness interviews and captures both Audio and Video for evidential purposes. The DIR machines must be PACE compliant interview recorders for custody, voluntary attendance, and achieving best evidence (ABE) interview recording, and require SHA256 digital signature encryption. The machines are installed in interview rooms and ABE suites, with a mobile option for mobile interviewing in other locations.

The Business Case had been developed as the DIR hardware is due for replacement imminently. The existing equipment was originally installed in 2012, with a refresh taking place in 2020 (parts replacement). The current supplier no longer fully support the hardware. Recognising these issues and in anticipation of the need for a full-scale replacement, the I.T. Directorate made financial provision within the 2024/25 Medium Term Financial Plan.

The Constabulary recognise that the ongoing Digital Evidence Management System (DEMS) replacement project is a key interdependency with this project as DEMS must be able to ingest and manage DIR recordings via an integration.

The PCC's decision is supported by the evidence base provided by the Final Business Case document.

Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any declarations of disclosable interest in this matter. Any such interests are disclosed.

The above request has my approval.

Date 29/08/24

Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset

CFO Signatures**Date 29/08/24***(OCC CFO required if decision requested or presented for approval by Constabulary)*-----
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