

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner – Notice of Decision

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DECISION OR INFORMATION:	Decision
DATE RECEIVED:*	04.01.23
REF:* (to be inserted by the OPCC)	2023.003

TITLE:	Extension to temporary amendment to contract standing orders.
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
<p>In December 2021 a decision to temporarily amend contract standing orders was recorded. The decision increased the threshold to which procurements could be managed by practitioners from £25,000 to £50,000 for a period of 6 months to 30th June 2022. (Ref: DR2021.130) and then further agreed and extended to 31st December 2022 (Ref: DR2022.054) to allow for the new organisational in-house Commercial and Contract Management service review to be undertaken.</p> <p>The purpose of the amendment was to help in addressing a backlog of procurement requests by increasing localised procurement and redirecting the limited available specialist resource to manage higher value and more complex procurement activity.</p> <p>It is proposed that the period of this temporary amendment be extended by 6 months to 30th June 2023, to support the recruitment and establishment of the new Commercial & Contract Management Team following on from the service review.</p>

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (eg report or business case)
<p>The temporary amendment has contributed and continues to contribute towards delivering a reduction in the backlog of procurements however ongoing resource issues currently continue to impact commercial operations.</p> <p>Continuation of the temporary re-alignment of demand for commercial and procurement support during the period will help ensure both the recruitment and establishment of a new in-house team are completed.</p> <p>In addition, it will allow sufficient time for some data analysis to be undertaken to help better understand the commercial activity of the Force. The intelligence gathered will be further used to inform any revision to the existing contract standing orders.</p> <p>An internal audit report by Mazar's confirmed that the temporary processes have been complied with and that the change has not compromised value for money.</p>

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There are no direct financial implications arising from this decision. A full review of the Contract Standing Orders will be completed by end of April 2023, with a view to having an up-to-date version approved by end of June 2023 at the latest. Therefore, it is expected that this extension will be the final one. These changes will be subject to appropriate governance arrangements and decision records as appropriate.

Signature:
Chief Finance
Officer

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Date:

10.01.23

Is any of the supporting information classified as non-public or confidential information?*

Yes

No

If yes, please state under which category from the guidance**

DECISION:

Temporary Amendment of Contract Standing Orders Threshold to be extended to 30th June 2023.

OFFICER APPROVAL:

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:
Chief Executive

S. M. Goodell

Date:

11.01.23

** See guidance on non-public information

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I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval

Signature:
Nottinghamshire Police
& Crime Commissioner



Date:

13.01.23