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Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire

Decision Application WPCC 20037

Extension of Victim Support Contract

Application Date:	Feb 2018	Name of Applicant:	Chris Lewis
Application Decision Reference: WPCC 20037			
1. Summary of the application			
To extend the Victim Support Contract to deliver support services to victims of crime in Warwickshire to 31/3/2019.			
2. Background information:			
In Autumn 2014 Warwickshire PCC awarded contract to Victim Support to supply support services to victims of crime. The contract commenced on the 1 st April 2015. The context of this award was the transition from Ministry of Justice led national grant award to Victim Support to devolved PCC led locally commissioned services. The contract was of a three year tenure with an option to extend by one year before recommissioning services for 1.4.2019. Performance of Victim Support has been such the standard has been high, they have performed in accordance with contract terms and conditions. They have honoured the contract well. It is a common sense decision to propose extension for one year to allow commissioning and procurement processes for 2019 to be instigated and followed in 2018.			
3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application			
No			
4. Expected benefits (non financial)			
Continuity of service, stability, no interruption to support services to victims of crime some of whom are vulnerable. Greater time to recommission, develop office commissioning skills and knowledge, understand better the victim support services market, undertake a quality high standard needs assessment for victim services			

and define and formulate a strong, relevant, contemporary specification for support services post 1.4.2019.

5. Impact of not approving the application

Potentially OPCC would be without a service supplier; MoJ grant agreement to PCC to fund support services would be breached; Code of Practice for Victims of Crime 2015 would not be fulfilled; PCC would not be able to demonstrate that Warwickshire Victims and Witness Charter is being delivered. 'Putting Victims First' – key principle of PCC Police and Crime Plan would be undermined.

6. Costs

Revenue: £461k funded by MOJ grant

Capital:

7. Savings: Not applicable

8. Equality and Diversity Implications: Failure to approve this decision would impact significantly on vulnerable victims of crime many of whom come from black, ethnic and minority communities. It would also hamper the engagement work to connect more with victims of crime from minority communities.

9. Treasurer's comments

The costs are as included above and are funded from the annual MOJ grant that the PCC receives. Costs will be monitored closely throughout the year.

10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments

The Victim Support contract is called off under a framework contract procured by Surrey, Sussex and Thames Valley Police PCC's in compliance with the EU Procurement regulations. A 12 month contract extension is permissible under the terms of the framework contract

Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner

PCC Signature:



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