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Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
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## **Decision Application WPCC20101**

### **ATHENA TECHNICAL REFRESH - DEED OF VARIATION**

<b>Application Date:</b>	22 October 2019	<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Neil Hewison
<b>Application Decision Reference: WPCC20101</b>			
<b>1. Summary of the application</b>			
<p>Approval sought from the PCC for the execution of a Deed of Variation which varies the existing Athena contract and brings into effect provisions relating to a technical refresh of the Athena system.</p>			
<b>2. Background information:</b>			
<p>The infrastructure that hosts the Athena system is starting to reach the end of its supported life and needs to be refreshed. The attached briefing note provides background information and context around the requirement for a technical refresh of the Athena system.</p> <p>The key purpose of the Deed of Variation is to bring into effect provisions allowing a technical refresh of the Athena system via the adoption of an Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) approach. The Deed of Variation contains the technical specification relating to the technical refresh and associated implementation plan.</p> <p>The charges for the technical refresh are payable by the PCC under the contract between the PCC and Kent PCC over a five year period as set out in section 6 below.</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Constable has confirmed Warwickshire police support to the technical refresh of the Athena system and the identified expenditure for Warwickshire, noting that the technical specification and the agreed costs have been through the appropriate Athena governance structures. This has involved the Chair of the Athena Management Board leading the negotiations with the supplier on behalf of the Athena forces along with other force executive leads.</p>			
<b>3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application</b>			
<b>YES</b>			

### **List of additional information/report**

- a) Technical Refresh Briefing Note - 8 May 2019 (exempt)
- b) Deed of Variation (exempt)
- c) Breakdown of Athena costs and budget 2019/20 (exempt)

### **4. Expected benefits (non financial)**

The technical refresh is necessary to enable the Athena system to continue to be in a supportable state to achieve the service levels outlined in the contract with the supplier (Northgate Public Services (NPS)).

### **5. Impact of not approving the application**

Without the technical refresh the Athena system will become unsupported.

### **6. Costs**

#### **Revenue:**

The additional costs in 2019/20 of the technical data refresh for Warwickshire have been advised by the AMO are included in the confidential supporting documentation. These are not included within the 2019/20 revenue budget and will therefore need to be financed separately. The latest forecast outturn for Athena identifies that some savings from the data gateway element of the budget may be realised and it is anticipated that these will be used to part fund the 2019/20 technical data refresh costs. Any costs that cannot be financed from this area of underspend, will be financed from any other underspending areas within the 2019/20 budget in the first instance, and if not available, a transfer from reserves will be undertaken.

There will also be some additional costs arising from the technical refresh in 2020/21 as advised by the AMO. These will be built into the draft budget for 20/21 as a cost pressure.

#### **Capital:**

It is not anticipated that any of the costs associated with the technical refresh will be capitalised, however if appropriate costs will be capitalised and funded within the existing capital programme.

### **7. Savings:**

There are no direct cashable savings from this technical refresh of the Athena system, however it will ensure that the system remains supported in line with the contract with Northgate which is critical given that this is a key force system.

### **8. Equality and Diversity Implications:**

Not applicable

All the known costs are outlined above within section 6, along with the proposed financing of the additional costs, compared to the current budget

**10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments**

The technical specification and associated costs have been through the appropriate Athena governance structures with support from Warwickshire police throughout the process including the negotiations with the supplier. Warwickshire police has indicated support to the signing of the Deed of Variation by the PCC

**Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

To approve the Deed of Variation to vary the existing Athena contract and bring into effect provisions relating to a technical refresh of the Athena system

**PCC Signature:**



**Date of Decision:**

23/10/19