

REGIONAL COLLABORATION BOARD MEETING - 27th March, 2014

TITLE: Business Case – Transfer of Odyssey to Lead Force

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SUMMARY

In June 2013, the Chief Constables of the four forces in the Yorkshire and Humber region confirmed their continued commitment to keeping their communities safe by collaborating on the areas of threat, risk and harm as set out in the Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR).

The preferred operational delivery model is that of a Lead Force Collaboration, whereby specific Forces are charged with the provision or development of particular service areas with a view to maximising both effectiveness and cost reductions.

The crime services provided through the Odyssey functions was one particular area where it was agreed that delivery through a Lead Force collaborative model was most appropriate. It was also agreed that West Yorkshire Police (WYP) should be the lead force in this business area.

Direction and Control for these services was transferred to West Yorkshire Police on 6th September, 2013, following which a period of Due Diligence was undertaken by the Force.

This paper presents the Business Case for the full transfer of the service to West Yorkshire Police together with the proposed budget for approval.

FOR DECISION

1 MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1.1 The Business Case supporting the transfer of the “Odyssey” regional crime functions to West Yorkshire Police as the lead collaborative force.
- 1.2 The budget for approval for 2014/15.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As outlined above – previous agreement that West Yorkshire Police are to be the lead collaborative force for the regional crime functions provided by the Odyssey department.

3 KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Due Diligence process undertaken by West Yorkshire Police considered in detail the following elements, all of which are contained within the Business Case submitted for consideration:
 - Operations
 - Estates
 - Human Resources (HR)
 - Legal
 - Information Technology (IT)
 - Performance
 - Governance
 - Communications
 - Finance
- 3.2 The proposed budget for 2014/15 is included within the Business Case and agreement for this is required as soon as possible to ensure ongoing operational business, regardless of an agreement at this stage for the final transfer to West Yorkshire.

4. DECISIONS REQUIRED

- 4.1 Approval of the Business Case for the transfer of Odyssey crime services to West Yorkshire Police as lead collaborative force.
- 4.2 Approval of the Budget for 2014/15.

5. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- 5.1 Business Case for Odyssey Regional Crime Functions – Transfer to Lead Force.