



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

Date: 25 February 2020

PEQF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT UPDATE

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) on the current position regarding the Police Education Qualification Framework (“PEQF”) procurement process and seek approval for signing of the contract when finalised later in March.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the progress in preparing for implementation of PEQF.

2.2 The Board is asked to approve the signing of the contract when finalised in March.

3. PEQF

3.1 The PEQF (Policing Education Qualifications Framework) is a new, professional framework for the training of police officers and staff.

3.2 Based upon a new modern curricula aligned with the education levels set in England and Wales, this framework will over time cover the range of professional training for police officers through the ranks of constable through to chief officer. It will also encompass many police staff, police community support officers (PCSO) and special constables.

3.3 It supports the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and Association of Police and Crime Commissioners' (APCC) Policing Vision 2025 that "By 2025 policing will be a

profession with a more representative workforce that will align the right skills, powers and experience to meet challenging requirements".

- 3.4 Policing did not have consistent, national education levels for all policing roles or ranks which reflected its current and future challenges, nor an entry level qualification that would be considered commensurate with that of a profession.
- 3.5 PEQF aims to bring consistent practice in terms of the implementation, assessment and accreditation of initial police training across the 43 forces in England and Wales. This consistency can contribute to the professionalism of the police service and put policing in line with other professions with regard to its formal education standards.

4. Identification of a higher education partner to deliver PEQF

- 3.1 An extensive procurement process has been followed to identify a suitable higher education institution partner to deliver PEQF, the commercially sensitive details of which have been presented to the Chief Constable and the Commissioner. The main procurement was divided into three Lots:
- Lot 1 - Norfolk Constabulary and Suffolk Constabulary;
 - Lot 2 - Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire (BCH) and;
 - Lot 3 - Essex and Kent
- 3.2 A Regulation 84 report required under the Public Contract Regulations 2015 has been completed and signed by the Chief Finance Officers for the BCH Commissioners to provide assurance that a compliant procurement process has been followed.
- 3.3 The contract will be forwarded for sealing after agreement of the PCC's Decision Award Report, due diligence stage and voluntary standstill period of ten days.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Board is recommended to note the progress in preparing for implementation of PEQF
- 4.2 The Board is asked to approve the signing of the contract when finalised in March.

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