



**To:** Business Coordination Board

**From:** Chief Executive

**Date:** 25 February 2020

## **NATIONAL FLEET VEHICLE PURCHASE 2020/21 STATEMENT OF INTENT**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) with regards to the proposal by the APCC’s National Commercial Board confirming that South Yorkshire lead on the contract for the purchase of fleet on a national basis and as a single contract.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) is recommended to support the principle of a Section 22 Agreement and for South Yorkshire PCC to act as lead PCC in respect of the latest procurement exercise.

2.2 The Board are requested to note the Statement of Intent signed by the Thames Valley Police Commissioner on behalf of Cambridgeshire.

### **3. Background**

3.1 The APCC’s National Commercial Board have proposed that South Yorkshire lead on the contract for the purchase of fleet on a national basis. At the same time, PCCs and Chiefs have agreed to the setting up of a new Police Commercial Organisation which it has been decided should be called BlueLight Commercial. It is anticipated Blue Light Commercial will not be established prior to the current multi-force fleet contracts expiring. Therefore, a Section 22a approach will be replicated for the time being in order to simplify the process for participating organisations and for the vehicle manufacturers.

3.2 Contracts for the purchase of vehicles are now due for renewal having been in place for the past four years. When the last procurement exercises took place, a number of

PCCs collaborated in two large consortia arrangements. South Yorkshire led on one procurement exercise and West Midlands another with some forces sitting outside of both arrangements.

- 3.3 The contracting models were different in their approach, the South Yorkshire led approach was for participating PCCs to contract individually with vehicle manufacturers, whereas the West Midlands PCC put in place a Section 22 Agreement and contracted with manufacturers as a lead contracting authority.
- 3.3 The National Association of Police Fleet Managers (NAPFM) have been working in partnership with the Yorkshire & Humber Regional Procurement Team in the delivery of this commercial activity. The National Commercial Board, in support of the CLEP programme has also championed this approach. NAPFM and procurement have recommended that the Section 22 approach be replicated in this new exercise in order to simplify the process for participating organisations and for the vehicle manufacturers

#### **4. Purpose of this agreement**

- 4.1 The PCC for South Yorkshire proposes to act as Lead PCC and contracting authority in respect of this latest procurement exercise. This agreement seeks to gain PCC's commitment to the principle of a Section 22 Agreement. This will be drafted and sent out for signature prior to the anticipated contract start dates of June 2020.
- 4.2 In order to obtain confirmed commitment from all 43 areas, the PCC for South Yorkshire, would appreciate Commissioners signaling their intent by signing a Statement of Intent, attached to this report. Cambridgeshire are part of the Chiltern Consortium chaired by the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner. As the Thames Valley PCC has signed the statement of intent on behalf of all the Chiltern Consortium forces there is no requirement for the Acting Commissioner of Cambridgeshire to do so.

#### **5. Recommendation**

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#### **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

<b>Source Document(s)</b>	APCC GR26/2020: National Fleet Purchase Contract
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