



**To: Acting Police & Crime Commissioner**

**From: Howard Thackray, Business Manager**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### **Briefing Note – Contract for the Provision of Forensics Services**

#### **1.0 Purpose**

1.1 To update the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) on the expiry of the Forensics Science Provider contract.

#### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 The Acting Commissioner is asked to sign a Decision Notice to approve the contract extension with the existing contractors.

2.2 The Commissioner should sign the contract for an 18 month extension to the existing contact, due to expire in June 2020.

#### **3.0 Background**

4.0 The NPCC reported to all Chief Constables and Police and crime Commissioners in February 2019. The NPCC work involved a forensic review of the suppliers' financial situation, development of the model to identify those services where suppliers were loss making and what pricing uplifts or contract variations should be proposed, independent assurance of the approach and also legal advice and contingency planning.

4.1 The 7 force Strategic Governance Board meeting of the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 recommended that the 7 Forces and 14 Corporation Soles extend current contracts until a national solution has been sourced and Transforming Forensics/ Home Office complete a National Strategy.

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<b>Background Paper</b>	7 force Strategic Governance Board meeting of the 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2019