

**DECISION NOTICE (GMP)**

**Decision author and proposer: Alison Harper & Cheryl Chadwick**

<b>Subject:</b>
<b>A0890 Pension Administration Service</b>

<b>Type of decision:</b>			
<b>Deputy decision</b>	<b>Mayor's</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Chief Officer's decision</b>

The Deputy Mayor approves the direct award of a 2-year contract for Pension Administration Services, to XPS Administration Ltd with the option to extend for a further 5 years. The likely value of 7 years' spend would be circa £5m.

**The reasons for the decision are:**

While there are a large number of providers who offer Pension Administration Services, there are far fewer who have both the capability to support an organisation the size of GMP and also have the requisite knowledge and experience required in relation to Police pensions.

In awarding this contract it is necessary to take into account the McCloud ruling. Due to the complexities involved, it has been recommended that Forces stay with their current pension provider until the remedies are complete.

A direct award can be made to XPS Administration Ltd via the Mint Framework for Pensions Administration.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

- Do nothing – rejected as non-compliant with Procurement Legislation and Chief Constable's Financial Instructions.
- Undertake a bespoke procurement exercise (OJEU) –rejected as there is a suitable framework available.
- Extend current arrangements – rejected as non-compliant with Procurement Legislation and Chief Constable's Financial Instructions.

**Financial comments:**

The cost of this contract will be circa £403K per annum and there is appropriate provision for this in the current budget.

The total contract value of circa £5m includes provision for costs associated with any remedies required as a result of the McCloud ruling.

**Legal comments:**

The contract will be awarded using the Ts & Cs of the Mint Framework.

These have been reviewed by the Force Contracts Solicitor and no issues have been identified.

**Risk Assessment:**

There are no risks as this is a compliant process.

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**Signed on behalf of GMP**



**Signed:**

**Name: ...CHRISTOPHER KINSELLA**

**Date: ...24 AUGUST 2022**

**Signed on behalf of GMCA Treasurer**




**Signed:**

**Name: Steve Wilson**

**Date: 26/08/2022**

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

Signed: ...  .....

Name: ...Baroness Beverley Hughes.....

Date: ...1<sup>st</sup> September 2022.....