

DECISION NOTICE (GMP)

Decision author and proposer: Chris Garner

Subject:
A0999 General Patrol Body Armour

Type of decision:			
Deputy decision	Mayor's	X	Chief Officer's decision

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>Approval is given to tender, and subsequently award the contract for the supply of General Patrol Body Armour via a Mini Competition under Lot 1 of the Bluelight Commercial Framework for the Provision of General Patrol Body Armour and Firearms Body Armour.</p> <p>The contract value will be for 5 years, with the option to extend for a further 2 years. The likely value of 7 years spend would be circa £7 million.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Procurement legislation requires GMP to tender for these goods and services. The recommended route provides the most effective route to market.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <p>Due to the very limited and specialised scope of these requirements, the market itself is quite limited.</p> <p>There is an option to utilise the NUMS Lite contract which in comparison to the Bluelight Commercial framework does not provide value for money as the contract includes a service charge on all items purchased due to being supplied through DHL.</p> <p>The only other alternative to the Bluelight framework was an ESPO Framework for Emergency Services Workwear which included Body Armour, however this expired on 6th September 2023 with no further provisions to extend and the replacement for this framework is not due to be in place until the end of September at the earliest.</p>

Financial comments:

This contract will cover both the forcewide rollout and additional business as usual purchases for a maximum contract length of 7 years.

The estimated value for the forcewide rollout is £3.4million, and the estimated value of annual BAU requirements is a maximum of £500k, which would cover new recruits and replacements. This is reflected in the Force's current budgets and future requirements.

Legal comments:

The contract will be awarded as per the standard terms and conditions of the Bluelight Commercial Body Armour Framework (Ref: BLC0023)

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

Risk Assessment:

As this is a compliant route to market there is no risk of a challenge to the tender process.

Can this decision notice be published in the public domain:

This decision notice can be published in the public domain.

Following award the contract will be published on [In-Tend](#) and [Find A Tender](#)

Signed on behalf of GMP

Signed:....Ian Cosh.....

Name: ...Ian Cosh.....

Date:19-09-2023.....

Signed on behalf of GMCA Treasurer

Signed: 

Name: Steve Wilson

Date: 20th September 2023

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

Signed: ... 

Name:Kate Green.....

Date: ...26th September 2023.....