

# NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

27 November 2009

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## THE NATIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM

### Report by the Chief Constable

#### **SUMMARY**

This Report updates the Board on the current position on procurement of a National Command and Control System.

#### **Background**

The tender and evaluation process for a National Command and Control System for all eight Scottish Police Forces, previously reported to the Board at its meeting on 28 August 2009, has now been completed. Steria Ltd and their STORM MA product have been chosen as the preferred supplier.

#### **Progress**

Detailed negotiations have taken place and final discussions are to be held in early November before the contract is finally signed off. The National programme roll out which was expected to commence in May 2010 is likely to be delayed by two months but Steria Ltd still estimate that they will complete within schedule and meet Northern Constabulary's go live date of 7 September 2011.

Northern Constabulary has written to the National Command & Control Project Team seeking written confirmation of a previously understood high level ACPOS collegiate agreement that any penalty costs falling on the Force which may arise from terminating the Intergraph contract (prior to 2015) will be covered by central ICT Convergence funding. The initial response from the National Project Manager whilst supportive in principle does not provide the concrete reassurance sought as no formal documented record of the decision can be found. He has agreed to take forward the necessary discussions to provide clarity on this issue

The work of the Force Project Team continues to scope out and make recommendations with regards to Northern Constabulary's progress towards National Command and Control implementation. A final report is due to be submitted to the Force executive by 21 December 2009. The Board will be updated with any significant developments.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is invited to note the present position.

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**Chief Constable**  
**3 November 2009**