

# NORTHERN JOINT POLICE BOARD

19 JANUARY 2007

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## NON-WORKS PROCUREMENT ACTIVITY

### Report by the Chief Constable

#### SUMMARY

To provide Members with an update on recent significant non-works Procurement Activity.

This report presents a summary of recent significant (over £100K) non-Works procurement activity and is submitted in accordance with Contract Standing Orders.

#### **Police Surgeon/Forensic Medical Examiner Services**

Tenders were recently invited for the provision of Police Surgeon/FME Services for a 3-year period, commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007. However, after detailed evaluation of the 4 tenders submitted, it has now been decided to abandon the tendering exercise and commence negotiation with the existing provider for an extension to the current Contract. It is currently anticipated that negotiations will result in an interim solution of approximately 12-months, during which time an alternative procurement strategy will be developed.

Members will wish to note that a number of factors, including the withdrawal by some Doctors to provide Police Surgeon/FME services, significant gaps in geographical coverage proposed, withdrawal of out of hours cover in certain areas, and a significant uplift in prices tendered (proposals ranged from approximately £1.1M to £1.9M per annum) all contributed to the decision to abandon the competitive tendering exercise.

#### **Wide Area Network**

A Contract has recently been awarded to British Telecommunications Plc for a replacement Wide Area Network. The value of this 3-year agreement, which was competitively tendered via an Office of Government Commerce Framework Agreement, is in the region of £1.2M.

#### **Vehicle Livery**

A Framework Agreement has recently been competitively tendered and awarded to Supersign Duramark Ltd for the supply of vehicle livery kits. This Agreement is available for use by all Scottish Police Forces, North Wales Police and Greater Manchester Police. The value of the agreement, which has duration of 4-years, is approximately £1M. The value of Northern Constabulary orders is estimated to be in the region of £50K.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is invited to note the position.

**Chief Constable**  
**January 2007**