



Cambridgeshire  
Police & Crime  
Commissioner

**To:** Police and Crime Commissioner

**From:** Chief Constable

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013

## **PROGRAMME METIS – Approval of Spending**

### **1. Purpose of the Paper**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide background in order to approve release of Capital funding.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The OPCC is requested to approve £50,000 from the Capital programme for Programme METIS.

### **3. Background**

3.1 Programme METIS currently has an outline budget approved for 2013/14 of £200,000. This is seen as an initial investment for the Programme.

### **4. Programme Metis Piloting**

4.1 An initial pilot to test the benefits of mobile devices has been trialled and the results have been entirely satisfactory. In order to progress proof of concept work and to enable a fuller evaluation the Constabulary has used their financial delegation to buy mobile devices.

4.2 The Constabulary now require a further £50,000 to be approved in advance of the full Business Plan to progress the development and scoping of Phase Zero of PLOD. This will test the proof of concept of the mobile solution and the user experience. It

will also provide detailed system design which will inform future costs for the next phases of Programme METIS.

- 4.3 Procurement have been involved in this project and are looking to take the work forward using the G-Cloud framework but this piece of work is critical to the Constabulary's tablet pilot work and therefore, while the contract is being developed, it was felt more appropriate to use the exemption route to engage the company for this piece of work.

## 5. **Next Step**

- 5.1 The Business Plan for Programme METIS is to be considered in full by the OPCC. This will detail at a strategic level where spend, invest to save and savings will be made in the future. To ensure sufficient piloting work has been undertaken to inform this full business case, the OPCC is requested to approve £50,000 from the Capital programme for Programme METIS.