



To: Joint Audit Committee
From: Chief Constable, Police and Crime Commissioner
Date: 29th June 2015

INNOVATION FUND

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides an update on the Innovation Fund.

2. Background

2.1 During 2013/14 the Home Office established an Innovation Fund. Forces were invited to bid for projects that would enhance collaboration and drive forward an efficient and effective modern police force freeing up officer time, delivering improved ICT and digital working with improved outcomes for the public.

2.2 Cambridgeshire were successful in their bid and were awarded £8,128,000 over 15 months from 1st January 2013 to 31st March 2015 for Tri-Force Collaboration including a large amount of the funding for the METIS programme.

2.3 It was identified that the work stream for Common Business Systems budget would not be spent in the grant time period, due to procurement issues, and therefore returned £1,000,000 back to the Home Office in August 2014.

3. Returns

3.1 The Home Office required quarterly returns showing actual expenditure against funding received.

3.2 The budget and final Home Office return for the financial year 2014/15 are attached to this paper for information purposes.

4. Recommendation

4.1 That the Committee notes the progress as reported.