



To: Police & Crime Commissioner

From: Howard Thackray, Business Manager

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Briefing Note – Athena Deed of Variation

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To update the Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) on a Deed of Variation regards to our contract with Northgate.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 Police and Crime Commissioner is requested to sign the Deed of Variation in relation to Athena Technical Refresh.

3.0 Background

3.1 Following a meeting of the Strategic Athena Management Board on the 18th September 2019, the Board on behalf of all Athena forces, gave authority for the Athena Commercial Advisory Group to arrange for each Athena PCC to sign and seal their respective Deed of Variation to enable the variation of their contract with Northgate to allow for the 'Technical Refresh' of core infrastructure.

3.2 The contract allows for the refresh of the hardware within a budget agreed by all 9 Athena forces. Milestones for the achievement of this refresh were set at 5 years from the original install date (April 2012) or at a date to be agreed between the parties. The Board agreed to delay the technical refresh activities to enable focus on the implementation plan to achieve Nine Forces Live. It is now an appropriate time to revisit those plans.

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Background Paper	BCB May 2017