

Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Chief of Staff

REFERENCE: OPCC.D.017.17

TITLE: Procurement of Restorative Justice Service

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Reason if Confidential:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Police & Crime Commissioners (PCCs) have devolved responsibility from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for the commissioning of local services to support victims of crime, who may or may not have reported to the police, to help them cope and recover from their experience. As part of this responsibility PCCs can commission victim initiated and pre-sentence restorative justice (RJ) services.

In 2013, the Kent Criminal Justice Board (KCJB) commissioned an end to end RJ service, which was funded by a number of statutory services such as the PCC, Youth Offending and National Probation Service. The service ceased on 30 September 2016 and as part of the PCCs commitment to provide effective support to victims and to reduce re-offending it was decided to grant fund two services to deliver RJ opportunities in Kent. The reason for pursuing interim grant funded services was to enable an evidence based specification for the longer term service to be developed. The development of the specification was also supported through consultation with the public and partner agencies.

The new RJ service needs to commence on 1 October 2017, in line with the interim grant agreements that are due to end on 30 September 2017.

The RJ service was formally procured under the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) process, with the invitation to tender being released to the market on 20 April 2017. The tenders were evaluated by a panel consisting of the Office of the PCC, Kent Police and the KCJB, with follow up interviews also being held.

Following this process, Restorative Solutions CIC has been identified as the preferred service provider.

RECOMMENDATION


The PCC is recommended to award the contract to Restorative Solutions CIC following a competitive tender process.

DECISION

To award Restorative Solutions CIC with a 3 year contract, with the option to extend for a further 3 years on an annual basis, and commence mobilisation activities to enable the service to go-live on 1 October 2017.

Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: A full and open procurement process has been undertaken and Restorative Solutions were identified as the best service provider. This should enable us to have an effective RS service that will help victims and offenders in their respective recoveries.

Signature:  **Date:** 19/9/17.....

Chief of Staff: DECISION MADE 4-8-2017

Comments: A transparent commissioning process was conducted through this office. Restorative Solutions were the best provider identified. This is an important element of the criminal justice process. I fully support this decision.

Signature:  **Date:** 18/9/2017.....

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT

Comments:

Signature:  **Date:** 18/09/2017.....

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Consultation results - Public & Partner; Invitation to Tender

IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

Police and Crime Plan
(please indicate which objectives decision/recommendation supports)

Supports delivery of the Safer in Kent plan by providing services that support the delivery of victim-led restorative justice opportunities in order to support their recovery and reduce re-offending.

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed?

Yes No *(If yes, please include within background documents)*

Will the decision have a differential/adverse impact on any particular diversity strand?
(e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion/belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity)

Yes No
The service will be offered by Kent Police in certain circumstances - on its own or along with other criminal justice processes - where both the victim(s) and offender(s) are willing to participate. Therefore, it does not have a differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity.