



COMMUNITY JUSTICE SECURITY

## **DECISION RECORD**

### **Decision Record Number 025**

This document records a decision taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner, together with details of the advice he received prior to taking the decision.

### **Decision taken**

The Police and Crime Commissioner has taken the decisions to:

To transfer £430,000 to Voice for Victims and Witnesses LTD wholly owned by the PCC for Northamptonshire to deliver Victim and Witnesses Services for Northamptonshire for 2017/2018.

### **Details of advice taken**

To transfer funds to Voice for victims and witnesses LTD to enable the delivery of support service to victims and witnesses of crime in Northamptonshire for the rest on the financial year 2017/2018.

**Martin Scoble**  
**OPCC Chief Executive**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

**END**



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## Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commission

### Supporting Report to the Police and Crime Commissioner

<b>Date of Report</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Voice Victim and Witness Services Funding</b>
<b>Report Author</b>	Vicki Martin, Head of Commissioning

#### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the approach to providing victim and witness funding to Voice for Victims and Witnesses LTD for the remainder of 17/18.

#### 2. Decision(s) Recommended:

2.1 That the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire formally agrees the transfer of £430,000 to fund Voice for Victims and Witnesses LTD until March 2018.

#### 3. Relevant background / Chronology of Key Events:

3. Voice for Victims was established as company limited by guarantee on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 wholly owned by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire to deliver Victim and Witness Service for Northamptonshire.

#### 4. Consultation:

4.1 Consultation was not required

## 5. Compliance Issues:

### 5.1 Is this a decision of 'significant public interest?'

5.1.1 The total amount of £430,000 mean that this is a decision of significant public interest.

### 5.2 Is the recommended decision consistent with the priorities set out in the Northamptonshire Police and Crime Plan 2014/17?

5.2.1 The decision has been driven by the Police and Crime plan strategic objectives for Victims and witnesses as outlined above.

### 5.3 What are the financial and procurement implications of this decision?

5.3.1 Advice has been sought from Eversheds on the legal implications for establishing a CLG for the Victim Hub.

5.3.2 Advice has been sort from the East Midlands Strategic and Commercial Unit (EMSCU)

### 5.4 Will further decisions be required?

5.4.1 No further decisions are anticipated at this time.

### 5.5 Legal Implications

5.5.1 Eversheds will work with OPCC legal support to ensure the establishment of the Victims Hub is complaint with commercial law.

### 5.6 Risk Management

5.6.1 Risks identified for the establishment of the CLG will be mitigated by support sort from Eversheds.

### 5.7 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken?

5.7.1 No not required. EQIA available for establishment of Voice CLG.

**6. Evaluation of alternative option(s):**

6.1 Voice for Victims and Witnesses LTD has been established to deliver support services for victims and witnesses in Northamptonshire and therefore this is the only options that can be considered.

**7. List of background reports used to compile this report:**

N/A

**8. List of appendices accompanying this report (if any):**

**9. Approvals**

**Date**

Has this report been approved by the author's line manager?

**Paul Bullen**

Has this report been approved by the Chief Executive?

**Martin Scoble**