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## **REPLACEMENT MOBILISING SYSTEM UPDATE**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Fire Authority with an update on the position with regard to the replacement mobilising system.

### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Fire Authority is asked to note the position with regard to the replacement of the mobilising system.

### **3. Risk Assessment**

- 3.1 **Economic** – the replacement mobilising system will be a significant investment. The Service will look to mitigate the cost pressures by undertaking a full and robust procurement process.
- 3.2 **Technological** – the technological aspects of implementing a new mobilising system will be challenging. It will need to be Emergency Service Network (ESN) compliant and meet a detailed output specification.

### **4. Background**

- 4.1 In November 2017, the Fire Authority approved a decision to procure a replacement mobilising system. A major consideration in proceeding down this route was to ensure any future system could meet the compatibility requirements of the new ESN.
- 4.2 Further to this decision, an approach by Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service to collaborate on the procurement of a solution was received in April 2018. This collaboration is a joint procurement of what will be the same control system, where resilience can be undertaken by the respective services owing to the system compatibility. It is anticipated at this time that the secondary control for each service will be the current primary controls of each fire and rescue service. This increased resilience will provide a significant improvement on the current

arrangement and will result in each service not requiring an in county secondary control facility.

## **5. Current Position**

- 5.1 Since the start of the new year significant effort has been focussed on primarily getting the technical specification for the new system accurate for all those services affected. This work has involved Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Bedfordshire. It is now nearing completion and the Project Board is seeking sign off in November 2018.
- 5.2 Once approved, the formal tender process will commence with timescales for review and award forecast to be in the first quarter of 2019. These timescales will obviously be dependent on the agreed final procurement route and the quality and number of tenders that are received. The implementation process is projected to take approximately 12 months, with go live expected in 2020.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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