

Appendix C

Thames Valley Capital Expenditure Programme 2024/25

Proposed Annual Capex Programme - 2024/25	
Item	£
Annual Profiled Capex:	
ICCS hardware and installation (SSS Public Safety Ltd)	550,000
Project management and FRS delivery	60,000
Contingency	55,000
Total	665,000

There is one area of identified spend required from the renewals account in 2024/25.

In July 2022, members agreed to a five-year maintenance and support contract for the DS3000 Integrated Command and Control System (ICCS). Included in the contract is provision for a technical refresh of all ICCS associated hardware. This provision had been identified in the Renewals Account Long-Term Forecast agreed in both the 2022/23 budget and 2023/24 budget papers and was originally earmarked for the 2025/26 financial year with an indicative figure of £300,000.

Following contract award and a review of the ICCS hardware, to enable services to gain the most benefit both operationally and financially, it would be prudent to accelerate the ICCS technical refresh to 2024/25. This decision minimises the impact of ever-increasing hardware costs, replaces equipment that has already reached the end of its service life and ensures value for money for use of the new equipment over the remaining life of the contract (up to 2030).

The cost of the refresh reflects the updated contract quote (and per the contract terms) provided by SSS Public Safety Ltd. A quote of £539,280 was provided to TVFCS in November to inform the budget setting process. Given that delivery and installation will be in 2024/25, an uplift of 2% for inflation has been added, resulting in an expected cost of £550,000. The additional cost will require a contract variation and as per Clause 17 of the TVFCS Inter Authority Agreement, members are being asked to agree this variation as part of the budget approval.

As with the Vision 4 hardware refresh, whereby a level of project resourcing was built into the Capex profile, it is necessary to ensure a similar level of provision in the Capex profile for 2024/25 to support delivery of the ICCS refresh. Using the learning

from the Vision refresh it is recommended that money is earmarked for a customer side project manager and additional funding for ICT practitioners to support supplementary FRS integration work that does not fall within the remit of SSS Public Safety Ltd.

The TVFCS Inter Authority Agreement also makes provision for a separate contingency allocation from the renewals account. It is recommended that a figure of 10% of the RWCS is used to allocate to this fund.