

THAMES VALLEY FIRE CONTROL SERVICE



SUBJECT	TVFCS Joint Committee Workshop
PRESENTED TO:	TVFCS Joint Committee
DATE OF MEETING	14 December 2023
LEAD OFFICER	Area Manager Tom Brandon
EXEMPT INFORMATION	None
ACTION	Decision

1. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper provides a summary of the discussions at the workshop held on 27 November 2023.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That the TVFCS Joint Committee:

- 2.1 **Note** the summary of the workshop reported below.

3. **REPORT**

- 3.1 The workshop discussed the recent replacement of the servers that had been installed and commissioned in 2015. Following agreement from Joint Committee, work on the project commenced in April and was completed in October 2023. Despite a high-level of complexity and the requirement for the upgrade to be undertaken in a 'live' environment, the work went well, and service disruption was kept to a minimum.

- 3.2 The new hardware will provide a stable platform for operations until the end of the current contract in 2030 and allows TVFCS to meet the requirements of

the Home Office IT 'Health Checks' which are a pre-requisite for continued connection to the national emergency services radio network in future.

- 3.3 The next phase of the hardware refresh, subject to Capex approval from the Joint Committee, involves the replacement of the Integrated Communications Control System (ICCS). This is expected to take place in 2024/25 and is required to maintain functionality until the end of the current contract.
- 3.4 Members discussed the draft 24/25 Capex for profile proposal which would enable the delivery of the ICCS replacement project highlighted above. The long-term forecast for the renewal account was also presented which projects a balance for a complete system replacement at the end of the current contract in 2030. The discussion included how that system might be delivered in relation to cloud-based systems and the associated impact on capital versus revenue spend. The Capex profile and the forecast will be formally presented at the December meeting.
- 3.5 Multi Agency Information Transfer (MAIT) was discussed. The national project to procure a solution for the effective transfer of information between control rooms resulted from a Grenfell Tower Inquiry recommendation and is a key element of national contingency arrangements to improve resilience at peak times.
- 3.6 Initial implementation of MAIT across English FRS's is supported by £1.34m of funding from Home Office and in early 2024 the framework will be available for FRS's to enter into a contract for this service. Officers will present a paper at the March 2024 meeting in respect of securing agreement for this along with details on any associated costs.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH THE TVFCS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

- 4.1 This report complies with clause 4 of the IAA – 'Principles of Collaboration'.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None identified at this time.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None identified at this time.

7. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 None identified at this time .

8. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 None identified at this time.

9. CONTRIBUTION TO SERVICE AIMS

9.1 This report raises awareness of the critical workstreams that are ongoing at TVFCS to inform decision-making for the Joint Committee meeting on 14 December 2023.

10. PRINCIPAL CONSULTATION

10.1 TVFCS Joint Committee

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None

12. APPENDICES

12.1 None

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