Justice Sub-Committee on Policing

ICT provision

Update from DCC Richardson in relation to the i6 contract variation agreement

I refer to our previous correspondence and my appearance at the Sub-Committee on 6 March and would like to take this opportunity to provide the following update in relation to the i6 Programme.

The Police Scotland i6 Programme Board met on 25 March and considered the outcomes of lengthy negotiations with the supplier Accenture, which have been captured in a Contract Variation Agreement (CVA) which includes a revised delivery and milestone plan. The Programme Board approved the CVA which has subsequently been approved and signed off today by the Scottish Police Authority.

The outcomes protect the delivery of the business requirements across all six policing areas (Crime, Criminal Justice, Custody, Missing Persons, Productions and Vulnerable Persons) and the technology solution. However a result of these negotiations is that the roll out of the i6 solution has now been extended by nine months from the original estimated timescales. The incremental rollout to more than 20,000 officers and staff across Scotland is now due for completion by September 2016. This delay was unavoidable however I am able to advise the Committee that under the CVA no additional sums are payable by Police Scotland to the supplier, who have agreed to bear the additional technical costs necessary to meet Police Scotland's requirements.

I am also pleased to confirm that Milestones 2 and 3 have now been achieved and paid. Milestone 4, which has a number of technical deliverables, is progressing to plan and will be considered for approval by the i6 Programme Board in May.

It is important to note that throughout the negotiations positive momentum has been sustained between the Police Scotland and Accenture delivery teams during the ongoing detailed design phase, which is progressing to plan and is due for completion in August. This would mean achievement of Milestone 5. A further independent Scotlish Government Gateway review is currently being scheduled at that key stage. The initial build phase of the Police Scotland i6 solution is also now well underway.

I trust this information provides members with a meaningful update on the current status of the i6 Programme.

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