



**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF JOINT  
TRANSPORT SERVICES**

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**SUBMITTED TO: NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK COLLABORATION PANEL -  
3 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**SUBJECT: JOINT TRANSPORT STRATEGY**

**SUMMARY:**

1. This report provides an update in respect of the Joint Transport Strategy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. The PCCs agree the Joint Transport Strategy is reviewed following the Vehicle Framework award on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.
2. The PCCs agree the existing call-off contracts are extended for a 12 month period from October 2014.

**DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION****VEHICLE FRAMEWORK:****1. INTRODUCTION:**

- 1.1 The Joint Transport Strategy, produced by the Head of Joint Transport Services Department, was approved by the Joint Chief Officer Team (JCOT) on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2013 and by the PCCs at the Norfolk and Suffolk Collaboration Panel on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
- 1.2 The Suffolk PCC decided on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2013 that the Joint Transport Strategy be reviewed by October 2014. This was intended to coincide with the new Vehicle Framework effective from 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

**2. CURRENT SITUATION:**

- 2.1 Crown Commercial Services (CCS) who lead the new Vehicle Framework advise the Framework, originally scheduled to commence on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014, will now commence on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014.
- 2.2 There is no option to extend the existing Vehicle Framework (VSP7805) beyond 4<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- 2.3 Once the new Vehicle Framework has been awarded to capable suppliers a mini-competition process will be required to take place. A mini-competition is a process for placing a call-off contract under a framework agreement which allows further refinement of the requirement.
- 2.4 The National Association of Police Fleet Managers (NAPFM), Home Office and CCS will provide a standard mini-competition template covering technical and commercial requirements.
- 2.5 Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies have the following call-off contracts in place that can be extended following the cessation of Vehicle Framework (VSP7805).

Category	Description	Supplier
D	High Performance	BMW
E	Intermediate Performance	Ford
F	Low Performance	Ford
K	PSU	VAG (VW)
P	High performance motorcycles (marked patrol)	BMW

- 2.6 The call-off contracts were awarded with the option to extend beyond the end of the Vehicle Framework agreement. Periods have previously existed between the end of a Vehicle Framework and the award of a new Framework.

**3. WAY FORWARD:**

- 3.1 Where no Vehicle Framework or call-off contract (if not extended) is available Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies would procure vehicles direct from manufacturer, following appropriate procurement guidelines. With less aggregated spend this would not provide value for money.
- 3.2 The extension of these contracts will ensure vehicles are replaced in a timely manner during the period the new Vehicle Framework award is progressed and the subsequent time required to perform the mini-competition process. Value for money will continue to be delivered.
- 3.3 Norfolk and Suffolk ACO's are in agreement to a 12 month extension of these call-off contracts.
- 3.4 The Joint Transport Strategy review is postponed until the award of the new Vehicle Frameworks on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014. Delaying the review will allow Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies to consider all aspects of the new Vehicle Framework award.
- 3.5 Where all other considerations are equal in the procurement process Joint Transport Services Department is committed to supporting the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk with actions that positively contribute to our local economy.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

- 4.1 Retaining vehicles longer than their projected vehicle replacement date will increase maintenance costs.

**5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:**

- 5.1 Increased availability and reliability related issues with retaining vehicles longer than their projected vehicle replacement date.

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has financial advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plans?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	No
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes