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Summary

This paper is for information only and there are no recommendations except for members to note the content. The purpose is to provide an update to Members in relation to the National Enabling Programme (NEP), which is a transformational project introducing commercial cloud computing across UK policing. Commissioner Ian Dyson is the Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) and he and the Programme have been supported through the City of London Corporation acting as the accountable body (Pol 26-18 refers).

The Programme is due to finish delivery in the financial year 2021/22 and this paper is to provide information to Members as to the progress and outcomes.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. The National Enabling Programme (NEP) was funded initially by the Transformation Fund grant via the Home Office with the City of London Corporation providing support by taking on the role of the accountable body in the financial year 2017/18. For three years the City of London Corporation, as the accountable body, worked with the programme and the Home Office to manage the complex contracts, change notices and finances whilst ensuring adherence to the grant conditions. The accountable body has since been passed to the Police ICT Company (PICTCo).

Commissioner Ian Dyson is the SRO for the NEP, which is overseen by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) Information Management and Operational Requirements Coordination Committee (IMORCC), also chaired by the Commissioner.

The NEP is a transformational project introducing commercial cloud computing across UK policing. It has three separate but mutually dependant strands.

- I. Identity Access Management (IAM) – provides a nationally-supported identity solution for police across England and Wales. It is designed to help forces manage access to devices used by officers and staff. It allows the right people access, to the right information, at the right time. It also provides forces the ability to securely manage access to their information and the devices used by their staff.
- II. National Management Centre (NMC) – a central cyber security unit to monitor forces’ on-premise and cloud-stored information. A specialist team of analysts monitor, protect and remediate cyber security threats. This ensures that each force’s local ICT team can lock down and eliminate any cyber threats before they can cause damage and disruption to IT systems and devices used by the forces’ officers and staff.
- III. Productivity Services - Exploitation of Microsoft 365 application suite and Azure Information Protection security tools. This suite of productivity services provides forces with a comprehensive family of workforce applications and tools that help drive productivity, improve collaboration and enable easier mobile working, all the while delivering cost savings.

Current Position

2. During the time that the City of London Corporation was the accountable body, the programme developed from the early stages of planning through to the full delivery into police forces in England and Wales with great success. The current position of the programme is as follows:-
 - 16 forces are now in full roll-out of all the technology, with a further 10 in the final stages of the business pilot.
 - 36 forces are having all their cloud-based activity monitored by the NMC, and 24 of these now also have their own ‘on-premises’ data and networks being monitored.
 - An accelerated path to ‘on-boarding’ for forces was created by the programme, allowing safe remote working for officers and staff; this was in response to Covid-19 challenges faced by forces. This has also led to policing across the country finding innovative ways to keep the public safe.

Current Status of Forces	
Delivery Tranches – Phase 1	
Tranche 1 - September 2020 (completed)	12
Tranche 2 - December 2020 (completed)	7
Tranche 3 - March 2021	12
Tranche 4 - Beyond March 2021	12
Total number of Forces	43
Current Delivery Stage	
Forces in Initiation	10 (11)
Forces in Technical Pilot	4 (3)
Forces in Business Pilot	10
Forces approved for Full Roll-out	19

Source- NEP Highlight Report 18/1/21

The innovation by forces is a good example of the business change opportunities and benefits provided by the implementation of the technology. Examples of these

innovations include; remote interviews with solicitors and suspects, misconduct tribunals heard using Microsoft Teams and apps which help officers advise vulnerable people of their rights.

Conclusion

3. The programme expects to complete the full roll out in 2021; it continues to deliver and be supported by the Home Office and the wider policing community, as it moves beyond just the delivery of secure technology and into the work to fully exploit the transformational capabilities to keep our communities safer.

The success of this national programme has been recognised beyond just policing and has won awards such as; the 'Security Project of the Year 2020' at Computing's Digital Technology Leaders Awards 2020, and also the award for 'Risk Management' (as well as being shortlisted in the 'IAM Award' and the 'Special Award: Pandemic Resilience') at the Security Excellence Awards 2020.

The support provided by the City of London Corporation, as the accountable body, has been essential in ensuring that Commissioner Dyson and the Programme Team could deliver such a successful programme for UK policing.

Background Papers

- Pol 26-18- Police National Enabling Programme – Accountable Body – 1st March 2018
- Pol 20-20 National Enabling Programme (NEP) – Accountable Body- Novation of contracts – 27th February 2020

(Other previous reports relating to contracts and Police ICT Co:

Pol 31-18; Pol 52-18; Pol 65-18; Pol 26-19; Pol 35-19; Pol 62-19; Pol 63-19; Pol 69-19; Pol 19-20)

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