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**NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER****Key Decision****Title and Reference: NP0514 – Contract award for Pensions Administration Services****(PCC/723/2025)****Summary**

Approval to enter into a contract for the provision of pension administration services.

**Recommendation/Findings:**

It is recommended that a 6 month contract for a value of up to £0.333m is entered into with XPS to support immediate requirement pension administration services and support.

XPS have been identified as the most suitable provider due to their experience of working with UK Police Forces and the contract will be awarded via a compliant direct award using the Northamptonshire Police framework agreement.

Value for money is achieved through the direct award route, as the pricing charged by XPS is a result of national negotiated rates with Blue Light Commercial (BLC) and the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) and is aligned to the pricing paid nationally with other Forces.

**Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner****Signature****Date 18 / 12 / 2025**