

## CLOSED AGENDA – REPORT EXEMPTION

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**NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER****Key Decision****Title and Reference: NP0187 – Digital Forensics Renewal Contract Award****(PCC/754/2026)****Summary**

Approval to complete a direct award for a 3 month extension on the current solution followed by a 12 month agreement for a system upgrade including licence, support and maintenance for a total value of £484,629.

**Recommendation/Findings:**

It is recommended a 3 month extension is issued on the current agreement, to allow the Force a more suitable timeframe to transition over to the new system. This transition will include a switch in supporting hardware and training. The three month extension will be in place from 23rd June – 30th September, at a value of £76,729.

It is also recommended we enter into a 12 month agreement from September 26, for the upgraded system. Due to hardware replacement required during this period to support the new solution, the 12 month contract total value is £407,899.

Total proposed value for approval: £484,629

Due to the nature of the solution and services it enables, it is considered exempt from the Procurement Act under section Schedule 3, Part 1, 26 – intelligence activities, ‘a contract for the purposes of carrying out, facilitating or supporting intelligence activities’. Therefore the Procurement Act and associated publishing requirements are not applicable.

**Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner****Signature****Date 6/5/2026**