

## NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

### Key Decisions

#### Title and Reference:

**Public Safety Radio Communications Service – Novation of Contract to the Secretary of State for the Home Department due to abolition of National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) (PCC/20/2013)**

**Report of Chief Executive**

#### Summary

Over the past 12 months all the operations of the NPIA have been transferred to the Home Office and the NPIA is due to be formally abolished later this year. The NPIA is a party to a PFI Framework Arrangement with Airwave Solutions Limited (Airwave) for the provision of a public safety radio communications service for all police forces in England and Wales.

Pursuant to that framework arrangement, there is a services contract between NPIA, the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria and Airwave for the provision of a public safety radio communications service by Airwave.

Given the impending abolition of the NPIA, Airwave have requested that all parties sign a Deed of Novation to effect the transfer of the contract from the NPIA to the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

#### Recommendation/ Findings:

It is recommended that the Commissioner agree that the Deed of Novation be signed to transfer the contract from the NPIA to the Secretary of State for the Home Department.

#### Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

Signature



Date 22.03.13