

DECISION NOTICE (GMP)

Decision author and proposer:

Alison Harper – Head of Procurement and Contract Management

Subject:
Decision Notice for: Digital, Forensics, Intelligence and Investigations unit (DFIU) Procurement - Magnet Forensics, LLC

Type of decision: Investment, and recurring annual revenue			
Deputy decision	Mayor's	X	Chief Officer's decision

The decision is that:

Approval is given to the Direct Award of a 2-year contract for all products provided by Magnet Forensics, including the inclusion of 2 new products - 'Griffeye Operations and Automate' to Magnet Forensics, LLC, with the option to extend for a further 2 periods of 1 year. The likely value of 4 years spend would be circa £1.4 million.

The reasons for the decision are:

The force seeks approval to direct award a contract for essential products currently utilised within the DFIU, under the terms of a long-term agreement/contract. This approach would replace the existing annual renewal process and deliver financial savings for GMP. These products are developed and exclusively supplied by Magnet Forensics, LLC.

To further enhance the DFIU's capacity in managing its substantial and increasing workload, particularly in light of a projected 245% rise in child sexual abuse cases, this contract will also include the introduction of additional solutions offered by the supplier. These include automation, artificial intelligence, and network/cloud-based technologies that have been extensively evaluated.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

- Open competitive tender.
This was discounted as there is only a single provider of the products and tools required. There are resellers in the marketplace but these would add additional cost and an additional level of communication without proportionate benefits.
- Access a framework for these Services.
There are no current compliant frameworks available that we could access to provide an alternative route to market.

Financial comments:

The total expected expenditure over the 4-Year term of the contract is £1,364,966.60 for which there is appropriate budgetary provision. The direct award contract provides the potential for savings of over c£80k over the contract period.

Legal comments:

The contract will be awarded using the Ts & Cs of Magnet Forensics, LLC to be used.

These have been reviewed by the Force Contracts Solicitor and no issues have been identified.

Risk Assessment:

The risk of a procurement challenge is low, as there is only a single provider for these products and the existing arrangement is direct with the supplier. Publication of the intent to award, under the new regulations, will reduce this risk.

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Signed on behalf of GMP.

Signed:



Name: ACO Ian Cosh

Date: 26 August 2025

Signed on behalf of GMCA Group CFO

Signed:



Name: Steve Wilson

Date: 29/08/2025

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

Signed: ... 

Name: ... Kate Green

Date: ... 1st September 2025