



**AVON &  
SOMERSET**  
POLICE & CRIME  
COMMISSIONER

**PCC DECISION**

**REF 2021/011**

**Decision Title:** Award of Zscaler Contract

**Decision summary:**

The contract for Avon and Somerset Police's Sophos proxy appliance used to protect web browsing is close to expiring. Due to ongoing requirements for this service a review and proof of concept has led to a new solution being preferred, with a three year contract awarded to Zscaler, to replace the Sophos solution.

**Background or reference to supporting papers:**

For operational and performance reasons, as well as the current solution allowing a single point of failure led the IT department to identify a replacement rather than continuing with the Sophos solution.

Due to Covid, there was also a change of usage from a mainly office based solution, and with our future blended approach to remote working, meant that a review of the requirements for managing web browsing needed to be undertaken.

Current remote connections, all web browsing is first sent to ASC's network across a VPN, before being sent on to the internet. By moving to a cloud proxy, traffic is sent directly to the cloud provider, who have extremely fast connections to many web services. This speeds up the web browsing, and provide greater resilience, and bring efficiency savings to any future project using internet bandwidth.

Following proof of concept trial to test security, access and performance in multiple scenarios, Zscaler has been selected as the most appropriate option and the recommendation is therefore to procure a three year Zscaler contract from BT, via the RM3808 Network Services 2 framework.

**Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any declarations of disclosable interest in this matter. Any such interests are disclosed.

*The above request has my approval.*

**Date 20/09/21**

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**Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset**

**CFO Signatures**

**Date** 20/09/21

(OCC CFO required if decision requested or presented for approval by  
Constabulary)

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**PCC CFO**

**OCC CFO**

**Other relevant lead officer as required**

**Date** 20/09/21

(e.g PCC CEO, COG lead)

**Interim CEO**

**Sally Fox**



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**Job title**

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**name**

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**signature**