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REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

VEHICLE MOUNTED DATA SYSTEM

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the progress in the delivery of the Vehicle Mounted Data System (VMDS). This paper is by way of an introduction to the presentation that will be given at the Authority Meeting.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The provision of a Vehicle Mounted Data System (VMDS) was the subject of a number of reports during 2003. Approval to procure the system was given at the Fire Authority meeting held on 19th December 2003. This followed a tender process, the results of which were reported at that meeting.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The installation process for the system was initially install the hardware onto three different types of fire appliance currently in the fleet, also to install the system at both a full-time and part-time station. The means to hold and transmit the data from Headquarters to the appliances was also to be installed at the start of the process together with the communication bearer.
- 3.2 The installation process as described above has been completed and is operational at the selected stations Arnold, Hucknall and Newark. The purpose of installing on three appliances initially was to prove the fitting and infrastructure prior to fitting in the entire front line fleet. The training of the operational crews at these stations together with the watches in Control has been completed.
- 3.3 The VMDS has been well received on the stations and in Control. It is pleasing to have positive feedback that the system is providing the crews with the information needed at an incident.
- 3.4 The proving trials are due to run until late May 2004. Once the trials are completed and any amendments identified during the trial have been implemented, the rollout to the remainder of the fleet will commence. The contract with Assetco (formally Petards) is to complete the installation in the fleet by 1st November 2004. The planning for the rollout is currently underway between Assetco and the Service.
- 3.5 The system will be available at the Fire Authority meeting and a short demonstration to show its capabilities will be provided.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications beyond the agreed budget for the project.

5. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

There are no equal opportunities implications arising from this report.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The introduction of the VMDS is part of the management of risk for the organisation. The system is delivery accurate, relevant information to the incident ground and crews are using this information to dynamically assess the situation at incident grounds, the VMDS is achieving the organisation's expectations in the management of risk.

8. RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the progress that is being made on the VMDS project.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION

None

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