



## Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority

Record of an Authority decision delegated to an Officer as required under Regulation 7 of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014

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| Subject of decision      | Award the contract to Respirex International Ltd for the provision of a 36x XL Gast Tight Suits as a one off purchase.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Officer name             | Jon Butlin                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Job title                | Assistant Director of Prevention                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Date decision taken      | 19/03/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Reasons for the decision | <p>The service have a legal and moral responsibility to respond to incidents involving hazardous materials. the fire and rescue services act 2004, section 11(2) places responsibility on fire and rescue services to respond to events that are likely to cause harm to people and/or the environment. the fire and rescue services (emergencies) order 2007, section 2, places responsibility on fire and rescue authorities to make provisions to respond to chemical and biological emergencies and take reasonable steps to prevent or limit serious harm to the environment.</p> <p>National operational guidance for personal protective equipment (PPE) states that fire and rescue services must provide employees with suitable PPE that fits correctly and adequately controls identified risk. in addition, fire and rescue service must provide appropriate storage facilities and maintenance programmes, as well as sufficient information, instruction and training on the use of PPE (PPE at work regulations 2022).</p> <p>The home office 'strategic framework for the chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear response by the emergency services' sets out, in more detail, the strategic requirements for the emergency services to respond to CBRN incidents to meet these objectives. this document, together with the joint emergency services interoperability principles (JESIP) and 'responding to a CBRN(e) event: joint operating principles (jops) 'for the emergency services', sets out the operational delivery arrangements to deliver the home office CBRN preparedness requirements.</p> <p>There is an understanding that initial response crews may not primarily have sufficient personnel to manage an incident where exposure to hazardous materials would be necessary and would therefore be required to request the attendance of additional resources.</p> <p>Where exposure to a hazardous material is suspected, the first line of response is early intervention and rapid response which is critical to saving lives. initial operational response remove principles (ior, 2024) recognises the need for persons affected by a hazardous substance to</p> |

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|                                                                 | <p>remove themselves from the contaminant, remove their clothing and remove the substance within the first 15 minutes.</p> <p>self-contained breathing apparatus and structural firefighting PPE with nitrile gloves should be used in circumstances where saveable -life- rescues could be undertaken using 'snatch rescue' protocol. GST is therefore likely to be used during the later phases of an incident and/or during decontamination when sufficient resources are in attendance. ior suggests its for response to some actions but negates to consider the type of task being undertaken.</p> |
| Details of decision                                             | <p>This has been awarded as a direct award to a single supplier under the following framework CBRN Protective Clothing- Lot 6 Chemical Splash Suits SC1</p> <p>The total contract value £42,903</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Details of alternative options considered and rejected (if any) | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Any interests declared by a Member or Officer                   | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Links to relevant background documents or information           | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



Signed

Area Commander Jon Butlin

Date 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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