

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY			
MEETING OF THE:	POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE		
DATE:	20 JANUARY 2026	REPORT NO:	CFO/34/2526
PRESENTING OFFICER	CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, NICK SEARLE		
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TITLE OF REPORT:	NEW DIMENSIONS 2 PROCUREMENT OF FLOOD PUMPS		

APPENDICES:	NONE
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To inform Members of the outcome of the procurement exercise and to seek authorisation to procure 39 x HFS14000 Flood Pumps and Coupling Sets, as part of the New Dimensions 2 (ND2) Programme that supports National Resilience.

### **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that Members;
  - a) note the contents of the report; and
  - b) approve the award of the contract to Angloco Ltd for 39 x HFS14000 Flood Pumps and Coupling Sets, at a total cost of £1,793,040.

### **Introduction and Background**

3. ND2 is a national capability uplift programme that supports National Resilience (NR). The programme is authorised and funded by UK Government via the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), and Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority (MFRA) are the Lead Authority for NR. Part of the national capability provides assets for High Volume Pumps (HVP) – Flood Response.
4. The original New Dimension programme identified and delivered national assets which enhanced the Fire & Rescue response to a range of catastrophic incidents, including natural and deliberate events, and specifically included response to wide area flooding following extreme weather events and other disasters.
5. The HVP Capability currently have 46 HVP first response assets, supported by a number of strategically located support assets. The assets are primarily used to meet the risks and threats from both wide-area flooding and major fires, recent

examples being Toddbrook Reservoir to prevent a catastrophic collapse of the dam after heavy rainfall, and in 2014 the Somerset Levels and Thames Valley area floods, where the assets were used extensively. Additionally, although not related to National Resilience, HVPs are often deployed to support local incidents to enhance the water strategy plan.

6. Following a strategic review of the capability, and review of projected requirements to address risk, it has been identified that a HFS14000 Flood Pump, which can deliver high flow capability, is a major enhancement to the response model, operating from 39 first response sets. The proposal is for each HVP set to carry two pumps, the current HFS3000 (multi-purpose pump) and the new HFS14000, which will allow the operators to switch the pump dependent on incident type. This enhancement will effectively double the pumping capacity in a flood scenario:



7. The procurement of the HFS14000 and Rapid Coupling Sets forms part of a range of solutions in the wider project of ND2 and will enhance the HVP response capability.
8. The HFS14000 will be available via a support vehicle to the primary asset. The strategic deployment has been considered in relation to location availability around the country and to enhance National Resilience.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

9. There are no identified equality or diversity implications related to the procurement. The specification ensures it would meet all current operating requirements for the HVP assets and would effectively provide an interchangeable pump option.
10. The design and selection ensure safe operation in HVP flood environments, ensuring safety across all personnel roles regardless of background, identity or physical characteristics.

### **Staff Implications**

11. All staff will be required to complete initial training on the HFS14000 prior to operational use. It is envisaged that the training will be quick and simple to deliver

as the HFS14000 will be operated in line with current processes and largely use the current ancillary equipment.

### **Legal Implications**

12. Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Procurement Department have identified that the route to market is by direct award to Angloco Limited. The HFS14000 pump is manufactured by Hytrans Systems B.V in the Netherlands. Angloco Limited are the sole distributor of Hytrans equipment in the United Kingdom.
13. The justification for direct award falls under schedule 5, section 5(a) of the Procurement Act 2023, whereby only one supplier can provide the goods and there are no reasonable alternatives to the goods being procured.

### **Financial Implications & Value for Money**

14. Funding for the HFS14000 Flood Pump is provided by MHCLG as part of the ND2 HVP project.
15. The procurement of 39 x HFS14000 Flood Pumps and Coupling Sets comes to a total cost of £1,793,040.

### **Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications**

16. Risk management for the procurement and implementation is monitored and addressed by the ND2 Programme. Standard operating procedures will be developed and assured along with training, and risk assessments completed, prior to mobilisation and operational deployment.

### **Environmental Implications**

17. The procurement aligns with environmental protection goals by enhancing the current capability and providing a significantly increased pumping capability. This will assist communities in restoration to normality following extreme weather events.

### **Contribution to Our Vision: *To be the best Fire & Rescue Service in the UK.***

Our Purpose: *Here to serve, Here to protect, Here to keep you safe.*

18. The recommendation supports the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service's vision and purpose by allowing crews to respond faster, more effectively, and contribute to the saving of lives. It ensures responder and public safety during complex emergency operations, thereby reducing the impact on communities, and improves resilience and readiness for major incidents.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**NONE**

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

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<b>MFRA</b>	<b>Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority</b>
<b>MFRS</b>	<b>Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service</b>
<b>MHCLG</b>	<b>Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government</b>
<b>ND2</b>	<b>New Dimensions 2 Programme</b>
<b>NR</b>	<b>National Resilience</b>
<b>HVP</b>	<b>High Volume Pump</b>