

RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: Safer Roads Reserve funding initiatives across West Mercia
Ref: PCC/D/2018/29

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

West Mercia PCC holds a significant reserve for Safer Roads initiatives arising out of income from speed awareness courses organised through the Safer Roads Partnership. The reserve has accumulated over recent years and can only be spent on promoting road safety across West Mercia. This decision notice seeks approval for setting aside up to £500k of the reserve to fund road safety initiatives to the end of March 2020.

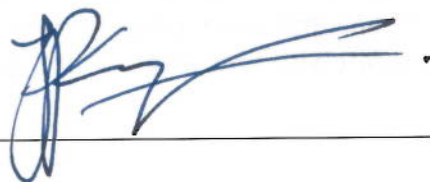
PROPOSAL

To approve the allocation of up to £500k of the Safer Roads Reserve for road safety initiatives across West Mercia.

**APPROVAL OF
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed



PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES

SUPPORTING REPORT

- 1.1. The West Mercia Safer Roads reserve has accumulated over a number of years, with some limited use of it over that period to finance specific areas of road safety work. As at 1st April 2018 the reserve balance was £956k.
- 1.2. As part of the wider reserves strategy for West Mercia and to use the money to promote and improve road safety across the region, the proposal is to utilise £500k from the reserve over the period upto 31st March 2020 by allocating the money to a £350k road safety grants round, and a £150k allocation to the West Mercia Local Policing and Community Ambassadors Fund (LPCAF) for spending on local road safety initiatives across each policing area.
- 1.3. The funding can be used for schemes falling within the following criteria only: road safety awareness campaigns; enhanced road safety initiatives over and above operational policing; targeted road safety education; targeted road safety training; extending community speed watch areas; purchase of equipment used to promote or facilitate road safety for use by the public (outside of operational policing). It cannot be used to fund activities that are already financed through other public funding streams for existing statutory functions.
- 1.4. Applications for funding will be scrutinised to ensure the spending is compliant with the above principles.

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

The safer roads reserve balance as at 1st April 2018 is £956k. The proposal to allocate £500k of this for spending upto the end of March 2020. This limited allocation will enable a general reserve to be maintained for the Safer Roads Partnership and will allow commitments and spending on schemes already agreed to continue where necessary. This proposal will ensure that the money is spent in accordance with our reserves strategy and compliant with the terms of this funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioners may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

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OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive Officer

Signature ... *Andy Cross* Date ...10th December 2018...

