

RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: Road Safety Cameras - Trench Lock

Ref: PCC/D/2021/09

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Telford and Wrekin Council gave West Mercia £103k to support the installation of red light/speed cameras at Trench Lock in 2018/19. This funding has been held in the Road Safety Reserve since then.

The Force engaged Cubic Ltd to install the cameras, which have been operating since December 2018 for speed capture only

The project has not been completed as changes to the traffic lights meant that the cameras do not currently working for red lights. Cubic Ltd are awaiting final sign off of a new interface to install so that the system is working fully. Whilst waiting for this final element to be completed they have requested payment for the installation of the cameras

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the Police and Crime Commissioner authorises draw down of the £103,000 from the Road Safety reserve to be used to pay for the installation of cameras at Trench Lock.

The works are capital in nature and so will need to be added to the Fixed Asset Register and a Revenue Contribution to Capital (from the reserve) will be required to fund the expenditure.

The force is authorised to process invoices for work undertaken to date (£100,000) and to make final payment of the balance on the completion of the project.

**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

Telford and Wrekin Council gave West Mercia £103k to pay for these cameras in 2018/19.

The cameras first went live in December 2018, but due to the fact the Council upgraded the traffic light heads to LED (from Tungsten bulbs) meant that the Type Approved Interface could not be used and Cubic submitted a new Interface for Type Approval which is still awaiting sign off by the Government Agent DDSTL. This meant that they were only able to operate the speed function.

Both of the cameras were detecting speed offences until the Council resurfaced the road and the reinstallation of the detection loops (by the Council) on the one site was done incorrectly, meaning that one site is non-operational. The Force are still waiting for the council to redo this, when at the same time they will revert the lights back to Tungsten so that the Police can enforce the red lights on both sites. The outstanding work is expected to be completed in March 2021.

It is requested that the reserve be released to be able to allow Cubic to invoice for the cameras, with a final payment for the installation of the new interfaces.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

This decision supports the following element(s) of the Safer West Mercia Plan:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Putting Victims and Survivors First | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building a More Secure West Mercia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reforming West Mercia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reassuring West Mercia's Communities |

The decision supports this/ these objective(s) through the following:

- The introduction of speed cameras provides a deterrent to motorists to commit speeding offences and to failure to stop at a red light which helps achieve the West Mercia Road Safety Strategy as part of building a More Secure West Mercia
- Use of the latest technology improves ability to capture those motorists who are breaking the law. Those who are identified as breaking the law can be targeted for training to make them aware of the potential impact of their actions
- Visible speed cameras provide reassurance to communities that the police are serious in protecting them from those that would break the law
- Any income raised from fines/courses can be reinvested back into Road Safety projects

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

The funding has been made available from an external body for this purpose and covers the cost of the project.

The implementation of these cameras provides a revenue income to the Force which can be reinvested in further Road Safety initiatives

TREASURER COMMENTS

The money is available from the reserve to fund this project and it is beneficial in returning a revenue stream to the Force.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner 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 

Date 3rd March 2021