

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR
WEST MERCIA**



RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE Approval of Capital Expenditure for a Modular Panel Armoury

Ref: PCC/D/2021/32

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Capital funding is requested for the installation of a Modular Panel Armoury for the Northern Operational Policing Unit (OPU) based at Malinsgate Police Station in Telford. This is to address a key finding within the Armed Policing Strategic Threat Assessment. The current OPU base at Shrewsbury Police Station is not fit for purpose.

The projected costs for the purchasing and installation of a mobile armoury is approximately £136,882 exc. VAT

The proposal was discussed at the Estates Governance Board on the 6th October 2021. West Mercia Police and Estates Services presented the paper for discussion. support was given at the Board for this project to receive additional capital resources, in accordance with the Corporate Governance Framework, capital funding requires approval in writing by the PCC.

Approval is sought to increase the currently approved capital budget from £50,000 to £136,882. This equates to an uplift of £86,882

**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

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The armoury is not intended to be a permanent structure, but a mobile structure that can be recycled and redeployed to other parts of the business thus enabling business continuity.

West Mercia Police have confirmed with Estates that the armoury will:

- Safely store Armed Response Vehicle (ARV) weaponry and ammunition in a strategic location pivotal to the Operational Policing Unit.
- Mitigate risk of injury and near misses in handling management of the weaponry
- Resolve security concerns.
- Allow flexibility where the unit can be mobilised to other sites in future.

PROPOSAL

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reforming West Mercia | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reassuring West Mercia's Communities |

The decision supports the above listed objectives through the following

Building a More Secure West Mercia

- Making sure the police provide the right response to incidents at the right time
- Ensuring a robust response to serious incidents and organised crime

Reforming West Mercia

- Ensuring the force has fit for purpose buildings and contact points which best meet the needs of local communities and the organisation.

- Deliver a modern, agile, more responsive police force which continues to deliver more locally.
- To ensure West Mercia's estate delivers the facilities Police and communities need Resources will be prioritised toward front line services to the public

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

The initial proposals and costs circa £56k presented by West Mercia Police were for the actual modular armoury unit and its specific software requirements only

Following further scoping works and engagement with the PCC's Estates Services and West Mercia Digital Services to establish the full user requirements prescribed by the Force, including IT, power and data services together with enabling works and equipment such as lockers, works have been identified to the sum of £136,882.

TREASURER COMMENTS

The additional request for an uplift in capital budget of £86k would be required to be funded from borrowing, which will result in an ongoing revenue impact for the cost of borrowing that will need to be met from Force budgets. The Force are aware of this financial cost.

There is no identified savings from the proposed project to offset the additional revenue cost. The business case presented operational reasons for the investment in a Modular Panel Armory

Assurance was obtained that the Useful Economic Life of the Modular Panel Armory was significant and that the Armory would remain fit for purpose in the long term

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 . . . *Andy Champness* Date 25th October 2021