

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR
WEST MERCIA**



RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: BMW N57 Replacement Vehicles

Ref: PCC/D/2022/04

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

National issues with the BMW N57 engines have resulted in police vehicles with this engine type having to be withdrawn from emergency response. Replacement vehicles are required urgently and lead in times for new vehicles are such that there will be several months before delivery. There are 4 used VW Touaregs available on the open market as retail sales at Volkswagen Dealerships. Their purchase through re-allocated funds requires authorisation.

PROPOSAL

That £168,000 from within the Fleet Replacement Programme be re-allocated for purchase for 4 Touaregs on the open market.

**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

National issues with the BMW N57 engines have resulted in police vehicles with this engine type having to be withdrawn from emergency response. West Mercia Police which currently has 16 (44%) of its ARV/RPU fleet affected. By preventing these vehicles from being used in emergency response or above the speed limits, the specialist skills set and requirement for rapid deployment has been frustrated.

Force Operations have exhausted opportunities to rotate fleet to service need whilst maintaining service level agreements and contingencies have been all but exhausted.

The legal discussion is ongoing nationally on behalf of all forces including West Mercia. Due to the scale and complexity of the issue, a resolution is not expected in the immediate or medium term

There are 4 used VW Touaregs available on the open market as retail sales at Volkswagen Dealerships. While Touaregs are not commonly used within the police, VAG vehicles can still be purchased through the CCS framework. They are MET tested and come with a 2 year unlimited warranty (equivalent to new vehicles). Speed is of the essence for these purchases as they are on the open market.

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

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

- Provide officers and staff the tools to do an excellent job, whilst ensuring the best possible value for the taxpayer
- • Make best use of and monitor the life cycle of our assets

BENEFITS AND THEIR REALISATION

To ensure the replacement of some BMW (N57) vehicles currently used for Armed Response and Roads Policing to enable continued service provision and the safety of members of the public and officers.

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11th February 2022**FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

The total cost of these 4 vehicles, including £4,000 per vehicle for conversion, is estimated to be £168,000. There is £177,000 remaining of the Fleet Replacement Programme 2021/22, therefore this sum can be funded from re-purposed capital within the Fleet Replacement Programme.

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 11th February 2022