

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR
WEST MERCIA**



RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: Donation of Emergency Services 'blue lights' equipment to charity

Ref: PCC/D/2022/14

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Donation of surplus 'end of life' police equipment to support a charitable project organised by West Mercia Police officers, to supply emergency vehicles to the Gambia

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that the Police and Crime Commissioner authorise the donation of the surplus blue light equipment listed below, in support of the Emergency Services Aid Charity.

**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

A request has been received for support for a team of police officers and fire officers are taking part in a charity mission in The Gambia during 2022.

The group are seeking to set up a community ambulance service, with the aim of helping reduce one of the highest maternal death rates in Africa and a largely out of proportion number of amputations. A root cause of this has been identified as the inability to get to hospitals.

The group are purchasing around 30 emergency vehicles, ambulances that they will be driving to The Gambia through the charity 'Emergency Services Aid Charity'.

Many of the vehicles they have purchased have had their blue lights removed. The request is whether West Mercia could donate surplus blue lights equipment, rather than the charity having to purchase them.

The Transport department have identified that there is equipment which has been removed from police vehicles that is suitable for donation. These are surplus to requirements and are would be disposed of as there is no financial value associated with them.

The equipment to be donated is:

- 6 Magnetic blue beacons (rotating)
- 3 Blue beacons (non-magnetic rotating)
- 2 Dash Master lights (for mounting on the dash board inside the windscreen)

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

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

Supporting charitable projects. Making best use of police resources.

BENEFITS AND THEIR REALISATION

Supporting charitable projects

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FINANCIAL AND TREASURER COMMENTS

No financial implications – the assets are at end of life and would be disposed of, with no financial return to the PCC.

Treasurer

Signature

Date 11/05/2022

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

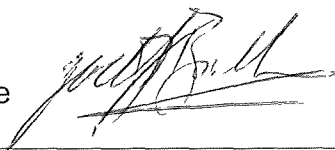
By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and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

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OFFICER APPROVAL**Deputy Chief Executive Officer**

Signature

Date 31st May 2022