



**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE: Fleet Replacement Decision**

**Ref: PCC/D/2022/16**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Force have submitted proposals for replacement of vehicles which are not part of the annual fleet replacement programme. These include vehicle write offs, electrification of the fleet and an investment in additional vehicles which will increase the size of the fleet

**PROPOSAL**

That the PCC authorise the purchase of £355,000 of vehicles, as set out in the supporting report.

The PCC authorises an increase in the size of the fleet by 9 vehicles. The PCC supports the use of £300,000 of Revenue Contribution to Capital to fund the investment in vehicles through additional income generation.

The PCC supports the purchase of an electric vehicle for a Chief Officer and the disposal of the current vehicle to part fund the cost of replacement.

The PCC authorises the use of insurance earmarked reserve to fund the purchase of a replacement motorbike.

**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

The force have provided several business cases for purchase and replacement of new vehicles. This includes:

#### 1) Write off of a motorbike

A motorcycle was written off in December 2021 after it was driven into by a third party, whilst taking part in a deployed operation. The vehicle has been assessed as being written off at the fault of the third party and an insurance claim is being made. The vehicle was utilised by the Task Force team as an integral part of Force surveillance operations. It is necessary and appropriate to replace the vehicle due to the role it plays in operational policing.

The proposed replacement is that of a similar machine in terms of specification and performance.

The request is that due to the nature of the incident the Legal & Insurance reserve is used to cover the cost of the replacement.

#### 2) Replacement of chief officer car

There is a programme to replace chief officer cars with electric options as they meet the criteria for replacement. One of the cars has met the criteria for replacement.

There is reasonable sale value in the current vehicle and the decision is to dispose of this vehicle to part fund the new electric vehicle.

The proposal supports the PCC priority to reduce the carbon footprint of the Force fleet.

#### 3) Additional Vehicles funded from revenue

The Force have identified £300k worth of additional vehicles that it deems to be an operational priority, to meet demand in force operations, to ensure that Crime & Vulnerability has the specification and specialist vehicles they require, and to provide capacity for additional driver training.

The requests have been subject to scrutiny by chief officers to confirm that it meets operational priorities.

As the fleet replacement programme budget has been fully allocated in 2022/23 the funding for these additional vehicles has to be found from other sources. The Force has identified an additional £300k of income that can be generated in the financial year to offset the cost of the vehicle purchases.

## **STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

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

- Putting Victims and Survivors First     Building a More Secure West Mercia  
 Reforming West Mercia                       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

Reforming the existing fleet with increased electrification / greener options where appropriate.

## **BENEFITS AND THEIR REALISATION**

To ensure the timely replacement of vehicles and ensure that the force is able to operational capacity with the right assets.

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## **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER COMMENTS**

The request is to utilise £17,000 from the insurance reserve to fund the write off of the motorcycle and replace with a similar vehicle. The nature of the incident is consistent with funding the replacement from earmarked reserves. The Force have submitted an insurance claim which if successful will be used to replenish the reserve.

Replace a Chief Officer car with a suitable electric alternative at a cost of £38,000. This will be part funded from the sale of the current vehicle on the open market (estimated at £24,000), with the remaining cost to be meet from the annual fleet replacement programme.

The Force have proposals for increasing income by £300,000 to meet the cost of purchasing 9 vehicles as set out in the WMGB Fleet investment paper on the 17/05/22 The Force have risked assessed whether they can achieve the income target and are confident that it is a reasonable target. They will monitor the delivery of the income target and will take corrective action to find alternative sources of additional income if required, or through achieving the target in future years

**Treasurer**

Signature



Date 14/06/2022

**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 14/06/2022