POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST MERCIA

RECORD OF DECISION



TITLE: EV Pilot Estate Infrastructure Budget Allocation

Ref: PCC/D/2022/25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A pilot project around the use of ultra-low emission electronic vehicles (ULEVs) is planned at Worcester police station (PCC/D/2022/18 refers).

Implementation of this project requires modifications to the police estate, including the addition of multiple charging points.

It is proposed that the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) allocate funding of £100,000 to cover the full costs of the estate modifications required, as well as delegating authority over the use of this money to the Head of Estates to ensure quick implementation, whilst still being required to secure best value for public money.

PROPOSAL

That the PCC approve the allocation of £100,000 from the capital budget to cover the full estate modification costs necessary to commence the ULEV pilot at Worcester police station.

That the PCC formally delegate authority to the Head of Estates (OPCC) to use the resources as required, supporting the aims of the project whilst securing best value for public money.

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 pilot project around the use of ULEVs is planned at Worcester police station (PCC/D/2022/18 refers)

Implementation of this project requires modifications to the police estate, including the addition of multiple charging points.

Precise estates costs are to be determined. However, there is appetite from both the PCC and West Mercia Police for the project to be delivered at pace.

It is therefore proposed that the PCC formally allocate funding of £100,000 to cover the full costs of the estate modifications required. This would come from the capital budget.

Corporate governance arrangements stipulate that the capital budget is not directly accessible to the Estates service, and its use must be via the PCC. In the interests of ensuring access to the funds in a timely and proportionate manner, it is also proposed that the PCC provide formal delegation over the use of the £100,000 from this budget to the Head of Estates, related to delivery of this specific project. The PCC retains oversight and governance over how the budget is used, with an expectation that the Head of Estates will ensure best value and outcomes arising for all parties, including local communities.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS	
This decision supports the following element(s) of the Safer West Mercia Plan	
☐ Putting Victims and Survivors First☒ Reforming West Mercia	☐ Building a More Secure West Mercia☒ Reassuring West Mercia's Communities
The decision supports this/ these objective(s) through the following:	
Continues the electrification of West Mercia's fleet	
 Enables projects to deliver improved efficiency and effective use of public resources 	
Supports reduction in West Mercia's carbon footprint	

BENEFITS AND THEIR REALISATION

- Enables reduction in West Mercia's carbon footprint

- Enables further electrification of police fleet, realising efficiencies around police budgets
- Demonstrates PCC commitment to pursuing environmental improvements within policing, providing reassurance to communities

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FINANCIAL AND TREASURER COMMENTS

The budget was allocated at the start of the financial year to fund ULEV infrastructure programmes. This project spend is in line with budgetary allocations.

Treasurer

Signature

Date 19th August 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

Chief Executive Officer

Date 19th August 2022

Signature