

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
WEST MERCIA**



**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE: Fleet Replacement Decision**

**Ref: PCC/D/2022/29**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Force have submitted proposals for the replacement of a Chief Officer car with an electric alternative.

There is also a request to reallocate the current car along with another former Chief Officer vehicle into the fleet.

**PROPOSAL**

That the PCC:

Approves the purchase of a Volvo XC40 electric vehicle for a Chief Officer.

Approves the reallocation of a Ford Ranger and a Volvo XC60 into the Fleet.

Directs that there is a £30,000 reduction in the annual fleet replacement programme.

Directs that £20,000 of additional income raised in the year, as part of the need to fund investment in additional fleet vehicles, is used as a revenue contribution to capital.

**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

There is a programme to replace Police Chief Officer cars with electric options. The proposal is to purchase a Volvo XC40 electric vehicle. This supports the PCC priority to reduce the carbon footprint of the Force fleet.

This is the second electric vehicle that has been approved for purchase in this financial year (PCC/D/2022/16 refers). The vehicles that they replace are a Ford Ranger & a Volvo XC60. The vehicles are 4 years old, have low mileage, and are in good condition.

There is already approval to

- 1) replace a vehicle in Task force, included in the fleet replacement programme (FRP), with a similar specification to the Ford Ranger, and
- 2) purchase an additional vehicle, from the fleet investment programme, with a similar specification to the Volvo XC60.

There are currently difficulties in purchasing new vehicles with long associated lead in time for delivery. The Chief Officer cars which are due to be disposed of, to offset the cost of the new electric vehicles, meet the current fleet needs. By reallocating the 2 vehicles into the fleet it would mean that they are available immediately and will save a significant amount of resource taken up in the administration of their disposal and purchase or other alternatives

The approach taken by the PCC has typically been to offset the cost of replacing Chief Officer vehicles through realising the sale value of current vehicles that are to be replaced. In this case however (and in light of highlighted fleet requirements) best value for money is realised by the reallocation of the vehicles into the fleet. This reduces the cost to the taxpayer through reduced call on resources to purchase vehicles, and ensures more timely delivery of resources into the police fleet.

This decision therefore updates and supersedes an element of PCC/D/2022/16, in respect of the disposal of the Chief Officer vehicle and associated finance implications.

### 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 this/ these objective(s) through the following

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

Ensuring West Mercia Police has the resources required to keep communities safe effectively.

## **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 cost of the purchase of the Volvo XC40 electric vehicle will be £38,847.21+ VAT This cost will be met from the Fleet Replacement Programme.

The Ford Ranger has an estimated resale value of £16,000. The Fleet replacement programme includes an approved allocation of £30,000 for purchase of a similar vehicle to the Ford Ranger. The £30,000 will be removed from the available budget for 22/23 fleet replacement as a cost avoidance to offset the purchase of the Volvo XC40

The Volvo XC60 approved for disposal in Decision Notice PCC/D/2022/16 had a estimated resale value of £20,000. The Fleet Investment Decision Notice PCC/D/2022/16 included a proposal to allocate £20,000 to purchase a similar vehicle to the Volvo XC60. The purchase was to be funded from additional income raised in 2022/23. The £20,000 from the additional income will be used as a revenue contribution to capital to offset the cost of the previously agreed chief office vehicle

The reallocation of resources demonstrates the PCCs commitment to reduce the carbon footprint of West Mercia, whilst minimising the burden to the taxpayer.

**Treasurer**



Signature

Date 03/08/2022

## **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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#### **OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Signature



Date 03/08/2022