# POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WEST MERCIA

#### RECORD OF DECISION



TITLE: EV Pilot Estate Infrastructure Budget Allocation

**Ref**: PCC/D/2023/09

#### **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 was proposed in PCC/D/2022/25 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.

Following a comprehensive process to review the requirements for the pilot the updated quotation is for £116k to provide a combination of charging infrastructure as follows:

- 1x V75 Dual 75kW DC rapid charger unit = 2x charging outlets
- 4x T7 dual 7kW AC units = 8x charging outlets
- Enabling works will include the installation of a 'load balancing array' that allow additional 8 x 7kW dual chargers to be installed at a later date and additional cost

#### **PROPOSAL**

That the PCC approve the allocation of up to £125,000 from the capital budget to cover the costs of installing electric charging infrastructure necessary to commence the ULEV pilot at Worcester police station. Any unspent allocation will then be repurposed.

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.

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Following a review of need and discussion at Estates Governance board on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, the proposal is to provide a combination of charging infrastructure, at an estimate of £116k as follows;

- 1x V75 Dual 75kW DC rapid charger unit = 2x charging outlets
- 4x T7 dual 7kW AC units = 8x charging outlets

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This will support the pilot to obtain learning and inform the future strategy for further roll out of an electric fleet across West Mercia, reducing the carbon footprint associated with policing and delivering best value for public money. The proposal is that the capital allocation of £100k in PCC/D/2022/25 is increased by £25k, to a spend up to £125k to allow for contingencies if required.

## 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   |
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| 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   |
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The budget increase of £25,000 reflects the most recent quote for installation of the charging points to enable a pilot to be completed at Worcester Police station of the use of ULEVs as part of the police fleet and inform future strategy for use of ULEVs across West Mercia.

# **Treasurer**

Signature

Date 06<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# **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 08/02/23