

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR WEST MERCIA**



RECORD OF DECISION

Electrification of the Fleet

Ref: PCC/D/2021/38

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Further electrification of the West Mercia fleet, with additional investment of £97,175 in ultra low emissions vehicles (ULEV)

PROPOSAL

The PCC is recommended to approve expenditure of £97,175 to invest in ULEVs to complement the 2021/22 fleet replacement programme.

**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

Several papers were presented at the West Mercia Governance Board on the 17th November 2021 related to capital expenditure on fleet, with decisions made by the PCC and minuted at the meeting.

The Commissioner wanted to review in more detail the options available for investing in the electrification of the fleet to ensure that the force is progressing the green agenda as set out in the Police and Crime Plan, whilst ensuring that the fleet is fit for operational policing purposes and providing maximum benefit for the community.

West Mercia Police has provided details of options available in the ULEV market. Current infrastructure to support any investment in ULEV has been considered and that any decisions need to be made about where the fleet can be best used to meet the business need at an appropriate cost.

In relation to Write Offs, there was only one vehicle that was considered to meet this need in relation to a replacement vehicle within a specific policing unit. This current fleet includes electric vehicles which have proven to be a viable solution for operational needs. The additional cost to the fleet replacement programme for a ULEV would be £6,970.

The PCC allocated a total of an additional £90,205 for the force to utilise to invest in ULEV. This would provide sufficient investment opportunity for the force to demonstrate how future ULEV could be rolled out further across the fleet.

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

The decision supports the above listed objectives through the following:

The decision contributes to reform within West Mercia in respect of reducing emissions and improving value for public money in respect of overall costs throughout the lifespan of fleet.

The above also supports reassurance for West Mercia's communities in respect of use of public money and that their police force is taking appropriate steps regarding carbon emissions, in line with public expectations.

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

Request for an additional **£97,175** of funding allocated to promote the provision of ULEV options, where appropriate.

TREASURER COMMENTS

The £97,175 would be additional capital expenditure as alternatives vehicles to those that were approved at West Mercia Governance Board on the 17th November 2021 in relation to replacement of fleet. Capital expenditure is being funded from borrowing.

Where electrification is related to replacement of vehicles due to write off then it can be funded from reserves as a revenue contribution to capital.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

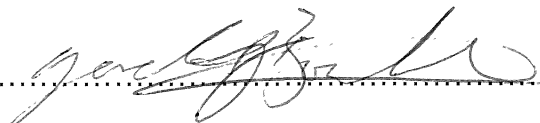
By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes entering into contracts and 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: 25th November 2021