



To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Finance Officer

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SAFETY CAMERAS – FUNDING OF THE UPGRADE

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report to the Business Coordination Board (the “Board”) is to seek approval from the Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) to release funding from the casualty reduction and support reserve to pay for the upgrade of static road safety cameras across Cambridgeshire.

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to approve the release of the funds to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership.

2.2 It is recommended that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) continue to work with our partners to further develop the road safety strategy to ensure that it delivers against the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

3. Background

3.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership comprise a number of member bodies, with the core partners coming from Cambridgeshire County Council, Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service.

3.2 The Partnerships aim is to “prevent all road deaths across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and to significantly reduce the severity of the injuries and subsequent costs of the social impacts from road traffic collisions”.

3.3 In striving for this vision the partnership has a strategy 2015-2020 that outlines a number of targets and aims. The strategy document is attached at appendix 1 for information.

4. Review of Safety Cameras and Funding Requirements

- 4.1 Attached at appendix 2 is a report produced by Cambridgeshire County Council for the Road Safety Partnership with regard to the review of safety cameras. The report highlights that the existing cameras are approaching 20 years old and all use wet film technology that is coming to the end of its useful life.
- 4.2 The report proposes that 24 of the existing sites are digitised with four sites being decommissioned. This recommendation is based upon a detailed analysis that is contained within the report demonstrating the impact fixed cameras have had on fatal and serious collisions in the vicinity of the cameras.
- 4.3 Investment in the new digital camera technology for these sites will be approximately £600k, with additional running costs of the cameras expected to be in the region of £62k per annum. The Road Safety Partnership, through Cambridgeshire County Council, has sought capital funding for the upgrade of the safety cameras along with a number of additional road safety projects from the Police and Crime Commissioner. At present, the casualty reduction and support reserve is £1,348,000 and it is therefore proposed that the capital contribution is drawn from this reserve, with the Commissioner and Constabulary having further discussions with the partnership about the shape of the future road safety strategy and how specific future road safety schemes are to be funded.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to approve the utilisation of the casualty reduction and support reserve to fund the upgrade of the 24 fixed cameras highlighted as requiring replacement.
- 5.2 It is recommended that the OPCC continue to work with our partners to further develop the road safety strategy to ensure that it delivers against the objectives of the Police and Crime Plan.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Document(s)	Review of Safety Cameras in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership Strategy 2015 - 2020
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