

## THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR DURHAM DECISION RECORD FORM

**Request: To agree to separate from the current Safety Camera Partnership with Cleveland**

**Title: To develop an Independent Durham Constabulary area Safety Camera Partnership**

**Executive Summary:**

A safety camera partnership (also casualty reduction partnership, safer roads partnership) is a local multi-agency partnership between local government, police authorities, Her Majesty's Courts Service, Highways Agency and the National Health Service within the United Kingdom. Their aim is to enforce speed limits and red traffic lights by the use of cameras.

They were initially established in 1999 as part of the National Safety Camera Scheme to enforce speed limits in the United Kingdom. Until April 2007, the partnerships were funded from penalties generated from the use of traffic enforcement cameras in each area, but subsequently time they have received road safety grants.

The Collision Investigation Unit comprises officers from the Cleveland and Durham Constabularies, based at the Road Policing Unit (RPU) in Wynyard, on the Durham-Cleveland police border.

The unit consists of experienced officers with either a roads policing or an investigative background.

At an Executive Board meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July a decision was made to begin negotiations which could lead to separation from the current Safety Camera Partnership with Cleveland.

The benefits of this are:

- Reduction in Road Traffic Collisions
- Increased efficiencies through cross skilling, increased resilience and modernised back office case management system
- Setting and enforcing speed limits are two of the most effective measures in reducing road traffic injuries (World Health Organisation)
- Speed cameras are a highly cost-effective means of reducing road crashes (World Health Organisation)
- Addressing a significant concern for our communities (PCVC Plan – Road Safety)
- Supporting NPCC strategic objectives for 'safe speeds' (NPCC Policing our Roads Together)
- Evidenced based reductions in collisions associated with speed cameras (CoP What Works / NYP 20% reduction)
- Financial savings for the organisation due to reduced RTCs

The decision is to

- Invest in additional speed camera detection vehicles
- Invest in additional ICT priorities
- Invest in additional staff to increase coverage of the speed camera detection vehicles.

This decision aligns closely with the priority in the Police, Crime and Victims' Plan to 'improve road safety.

**Decision: The PCVC to agree to separate from the current Safety Camera Partnership with Cleveland.**

**OPCVC Lead Officer: Jon Carling**

**Contractor Details (if applicable): n/a**

**Implications:**

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**(If yes please provide further details below)**

**Decision Required – Supporting Information**

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC’s CFO where the decision has financial implications)

Costings have been agreed for the additional fleet, staff and ICT provision, which will be offset by additional income.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

There will be a need to terminate the existing contract with partner agencies.

Equality and Diversity Implications

No specific equality and diversity implications.

Human Rights Implications

No specific human rights implications.

Sustainability Implications

No specific sustainability implications.

Risk Management Implications

No specific risk management implications.

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Acting Chief Executive**

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

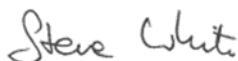
Signed:



Date: 07/10/2019

**Acting Police Crime and Victims’ Commissioner:**

Signed:



Date: 07/10/2019