

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION

REF: 010/2014
DATE: 17 March 2014

SUBJECT		AUTOMATIC NUMBER PLATE RECOGNITION (ANPR) FUNDING
REPORT BY	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To implement improvements to the Force's ANPR infrastructure which will be financed by PCC funding.		
RECOMMENDATION	<i>To approve funding of £250,000 for investment in and development of the Force's ANPR infrastructure.</i>	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

Signature: 

Date: 17/03/14

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology can and does help detect, defer and disrupt criminality at a local, force, regional and national level.
- 1.2 ANPR is an internationally recognised tool that can significantly reduce volume crime, heighten patrol focus, increase detection rates, tackle cross-border crime and provide vital intelligence for use in counter terrorist and serious crime work. Using ANPR to its full potential will help to increase public confidence in the police service
- 1.3 The Force's ANPR devices work by scanning vehicle registrations and checking them against information stored in databases, including the Police National Computer and the Motor Insurance Database, to identify vehicles of interest to the police. This includes stolen vehicles or those known to be involved in crime. When a suspect vehicle is recognised it can then be the focus of targeted interceptions and enquiries. In general terms, ANPR supports the Force in:

- Disrupting criminal use of motor vehicles
- Locating and recovering stolen vehicles
- Preventing and detecting crime
- Arresting offenders
- Identifying and prosecuting offenders using illegal, uninsured and un-taxed vehicles.

1.4 ANPR technology, coupled with immediate follow up police action via dedicated intercept teams, has the potential to deny criminals the use of the roads.

1.5 The Police and Crime Commissioner is keen to support improvements to the ANPR infrastructure in the Force.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES

2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner made a commitment in his Police and Crime Plan to harness technology already available in order to reduce crime. Increased use of ANPR technology is cited as a means to ensure that those who commit crimes in Lincolnshire are trailed and caught.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is proposed that the Police and Crime Commissioner allocates £250,000 from the 2013/14 and 2014/15 budgets to the Force to develop and improve the ANPR infrastructure. The initiative will be lead by the Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Protective Services and managed by the Director of Intelligence. ANPR cameras will be purchased and deployed at strategic locations across the county.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

The PCC is responsible for setting the budget for policing, including budgets for projects.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

Personnel and equalities issues have been considered in the development of the Force's ANPR business case and in their Analytical Product.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The service will be regularly reviewed by the ACC and highlight reports will be provided to the PCC.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Force will manage risks in relation to ANPR through the existing structures and processes, including the Tactical Tasking and Co-ordination Group meetings and the Risk Management Board.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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<p>Is there a part 2 form? Yes</p> <p>If Yes, for what reason:</p> <p>The report contains information that is operationally sensitive in relation to the prevention or detection of crime.</p>
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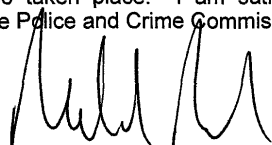
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Originating Officer: The Research and Performance Officer recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	✓
Financial advice: The CC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	✓
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature:

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Date:

17/3/14