Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Lincolnshire Request for Decision

Ref:	15-2024
Date:	23 April 2024

Subject	Op Journey	
Report by:	Director of Strategy and Operations	
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Executive summary and purpose of report:		
Lincolnshire OPCC has secured a grant of £45,000 from the Department of Transport to improve road safety as part of the Roads Policing Review. The grant funding will be used to deliver Op Journey which will contribute to a reduction of those killed and seriously injured on Lincolnshire roads.		
The creation of a separate budget of £45,000 to manage the income and expenditure		
Recommendation:	1.To note the award of £45,000 from the Home Office to deliver Op Journey. To approve the creation of a separate budget of £45,000 to manage the income and expenditure, as per the breakdown at point a2. b.	

Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire	
I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.	
Signature:	Date: 23 April 2024

a. Non-confidential facts and advice to the PCC

a1. Introduction and background

Operation Snap (Op Snap) is a well-established Police response to ever increasing submissions of digital evidence from members of the public in relation to witnessed driving offences. Operation Snap accepts photographic, or video evidence of all road traffic offences

recorded by members of the public via a public access website and then allows for them to be dealt with appropriately by the Force.

Due to the nature of Lincolnshire's road network and the variety of different road users, drivers can become frustrated and take undue risks, thereby putting not only themselves and, their passengers, but also other road users at serious risk of collision and death. In 2019, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership reported 535 Killed or Serious Injured (KSI). Lincolnshire is the fourth largest county in England and covers 5,921 square miles with 5,500 miles of road network. Despite investment in a roads policing team, the opportunities to commit traffic offences undetected remains high.

Op Journey is an extension of Op Snap and will involve engaging with haulage companies and frequent road users who travel on Lincolnshire's high risk of collision routes to facilitate them uploading dashcam footage. Dashcams will be distributed to participating companies on the understanding that suitable footage will be uploaded for consideration by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. When a driver is identified, disposal options are offered in accordance with current National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) guidelines of a diversion to education, conditional offer of fixed penalty or summons to court as appropriate.

Op Snap contributes to road safety policy in the following ways by:

- Reducing the number of people killed and injured on Lincolnshire's roads.
- Reducing the number of collisions directly related to excess and inappropriate speed.
- Reducing speed related offences and thereby anti-social behaviour.
- Improving the road environment.

a2. Links to Police and Crime Plan and PCC's strategies/priorities

This funding will support delivery of a pilot for participating transport companies and regular car drivers on identified high risk road routes. This funding will also help to deliver the strategic aims and priorities set out in the key principles of the Community Safety, Policing and Criminal Justice Plan for Lincolnshire 2021-2025. These are: Community Safety and prevention in partnership; Policing that works.

b. Financial considerations

The income source to establish the Op Journey budget is GRANT DETERMINATION 2023: 31/7119) from the Department of Transport.

A breakdown of planned to spend is detailed below:

Total	£45,000
Purchase and distribution of devices	16,000
Costs for admin Staff to assess and process submissions	29,000

c. Legal and human rights considerations

The review of dashcam footage identifies specific offences and those dealt with by the Force are:

• Dangerous driving section 2 Road Traffic Act (RTA) 1988.

- Drive without due care section 3 RTA 1988.
- Contravene solid white lines (overtaking).
- Mobile phone use.
- Not in proper control.
- Contravene red traffic light.

d. Personnel and equalities issues

There are no direct personnel, equal opportunities or diversity issues arising from this report.

e. Review arrangements

The Op Journey budget will be monitored and reported at bi-monthly Op Journey delivery meetings, and then reported to the Department of Transport as per the terms of the grant agreement. Review and evaluation arrangements will be put in place to assess whether intended outcomes have been achieved. These will be reported in December 2024.

f. Risk management

Through the review and evaluation arrangements as necessary.

g. Public access to information

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If yes, for what reason?	
Until what date?	

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Is there a Part 2 form?	No
If yes, for what reason?	

Declarations

Originating Officer:	Initial to confirm
Joanne Davison, Director of Strategy and Operations, recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above	JD

The following people have been consulted on this proposal:	
The PCC's Chief Finance Officer	JF
The PCC's Monitoring Officer	MB

Officer approval

Chief Executive	
I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that fi advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an app submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincoln	report. Consultation outlined propriate request to be
Signature:	Date: 27 March 2024