



From: Ann Barnes, Kent Police and Crime Commissioner
To: Kent and Medway Police and Crime Panel
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Decision:

The Commissioner has endorsed the wide scale roll out of body worn cameras for frontline police officers.

Justification:

The Commissioner is responsible for securing value for money and the use of technology can assist with improving police efficiency and effectiveness.

Following a successful trial of body worn cameras, the Chief Constable submitted a business case to justify a broader roll out which the Commissioner has endorsed. This is at a cost of £1.8m from approved capital resources. The benefits of body worn cameras include:

- enhanced contemporaneous evidence capture;
- early guilty pleas and admissions;
- more appropriate sentencing;
- reduction in malicious complaints; and
- reduction in bureaucracy throughout the criminal justice process.

Decision:

The Commissioner has approved a major invest to save programme to provide a fit for purpose modern IT platform in collaboration with Essex. The total investment for Kent is £4.2m as part of approved capital funds, with an anticipated pay back of three years.

Justification:

The Commissioner is responsible for securing value for money and the provision of a modern IT platform will assist with improving police efficiency and effectiveness. In addition to supporting current policing requirements, it will maximise opportunities for innovation in the future to ensure Kent Police remains efficient, effective and successful in light of future savings requirements.

Decision:

The Commissioner will be hosting a Business Crime Conference on Thursday 19 November 2015. The conference will be in partnership with the Business Crime Advisory Group.

Justification:

To strengthen existing partnership working with the business community, improve the coordination and delivery of initiatives to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour and share best practice. Discuss the recently revised Kent Business Crime Strategy, with a particular focus on cyber-crime, national fraud and organised crime gangs.

