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Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire**

Decision Application WPCC 20048

Highways England technology in the OCC

Application Date:	Apr 2018	Name of Applicant:	Sara Ansell
Application Decision Reference: WPCC 20048			
1. Summary of the application			
<p>This proposal is to finance the £52,600 of capital expenditure for IT equipment and associated infrastructure, shared proportionately across the two areas, to ensure that Highways England can operate within our region to facilitate effective roads policing.</p>			
2. Background information:			
<p>To ensure the full capability of the new OCC is achieved, along with an improved ability to respond to incidents, and deliver a more resilient roads policing capability across the alliance, continued support from Highways England is crucial. In addition to their support from the regional control centre, Highways England are committing to working within the OCC at peak times and when there are major incidents or significant adverse weather conditions. This arrangement can only work effectively if they have access to their own IT systems and information in our OCC which will act as a satellite function to the regional control centre.</p> <p>The approval of additional capital investment of £52,600 to be used for acquiring IT equipment and infrastructure to enable the connectivity of Highways England systems will ensure this can occur and will also help to improve communications and develop closer working relationships. This investment will be one-off expenditure, with no additional or ongoing costs associated with this work anticipated. It will be split across the two force areas in accordance with the usual agreed apportionment of 69% West Mercia : 31% Warwickshire.</p> <p>Fuller details of the proposal are contained within the Part 2 report.</p>			
3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application			
Yes – confidential part 2 report			

4. Expected benefits (non financial)

Highways England staff will be able to work alongside Alliance staff to ensure that the regions roads are policed effectively, and particularly during incidents or times of peak demand. This investment will support better communications and closer working relationships with a key partner.

5. Impact of not approving the application

This is a relatively small capital investment which will secure the cooperation of our main partner for the motorway and strategic roads network. The risks associated with the investment are low, but a failure to meet these costs could have significant repercussions

6. Costs

Revenue: Not applicable.

Capital: The £52,600 investment will be funded from within the capital programme, either from in-year slippage or the affordability envelope intended for future projects. The costs will be split between the two forces on the normal cost sharing model of 69% West Mercia and 31% Warwickshire.

7. Savings: No direct savings from this investment will occur, but it should result in a more resilient and effective service, and savings from the OCC and wider transformation programme are included within the current Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

8. Equality and Diversity Implications: Failure to approve this decision could impact on any member of the public using the roads in our region.

9. Treasurer's comments

All the financial implications are contained within the above report, and there should be no ongoing expenditure arising from this work to enable Highways England systems to be connected to the OCC.

10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments

The benefits of this investment are laid out within section 4. The installation of the Highways England systems into the OCC will provide a better, more co-ordinated service for policing of motorways across the alliance benefitting the public in both force areas.

Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner *Agreed*

PCC Signature: *Philip Jackson*

Date of Decision: *6/9/18.*