

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING
SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

20th February 2018

SUBJECT: DIGITAL MOBILE UPDATE

Report of the Chief Constable

<p>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</p> <p>1. To provide an update to the PCC on Digital Mobile Policing including Body Worn Video in January 2018.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is satisfied with the continued progress of the project.</p>
<p>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</p> <p>3. Investing in technology is critical to raise productivity and offset the effect of the financial savings required. Hand held devices enable West Yorkshire Police Officers to spend more time in communities whilst completing tasks on the move. The use of technology can provide a more timely approach to tackling crime and antisocial behaviour, increase detections and make people feel safer.</p>
<p>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>4. The PCC has invested heavily in smarter ways of keeping people in West Yorkshire safe across the county, in our communities, on our roads and in our streets. This investment includes during the past year £2M into Body Worn Video camera and an investment made in 2015/16 to upgrade our Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras.</p> <p>5. Members of the public can expect to see Body Worn Video (BWV) routinely worn as part of usual frontline policing. BWV provides a major step forward in bringing transparency to the police's work and will help to build public confidence. By collecting live footage of police deployments, BWV cameras improve evidence gathering and also ensure public complaints can be resolved quickly.</p>
<p>PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION</p> <p>6. West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is Lead on national Transforming Forensics work. During 2016/17, the Scientific Support Unit (SSU) have been coordinating a national 'proof of concept' pilot project in the rapid analysis of fingerprint and DNA samples. The project has attracted a £2.5m Home Office investment to test new digital capture technologies for</p>

fingerprinting and to trial a £200k DNA 'fast lab'. These technologies can reduce DNA and fingerprint analysis times down from days to a few hours.

7. The PCC complements his work as PCC in West Yorkshire by leading on a number of national issues for the APCC, including the national lead on the ANPR Advisory Board, the Digital Policing Board, the Digital Contact Board, the Forensic Information National Database and the Police Technology and Digital Portfolio group. Mark is also the national lead for the Home Office's Biometrics programme.

ATTACHMENT

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