

**SUBJECT: BODY WORN VIDEO**

**Report of the Chief Constable**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide an update to the PCC on the Body Worn Video project.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is satisfied with the progress on the project.

**PRIORITY IN THE POLICING AND CRIME PLAN**

3. Investing in technology is critical to raise productivity and offset the effect of the financial savings required that lead to a reduction in the number of officers and staff available. The use of technology can reduce crime, increase detections and make people feel safer.
  - The PCC has invested £2 million pounds from an internal 'Transformation Fund' to support this technology, the devices which are being rolled out to Uniformed Patrol Officers for use in overt policing activity across West Yorkshire have currently been issued in three districts and will play an important role in the future of policing in West Yorkshire and nationally.
  - Members of the public can expect to see the cameras routinely worn as part of usual frontline policing. Their use will help the PCC deliver on his promise to put victims first, they will also allow officers to improve evidence gathering which leads to better criminal justice outcomes and increased protection for both officers and the public, they will also ensure public complaints can be resolved more quickly and conclusively where they occur.