

Annex G – Digitisation of speed cameras

To update members on the plans to move towards digital speed enforcement devices.

Introduction

Members will recall receiving an update on proposals to digitise speed cameras as part of a wider report on road safety activity at their last meeting in February 2018.

This paper provides a further update on the current position.

Update

The Business Case referred to in the last update was approved by the Force Resource Control Board (RCB) in April and subsequently signed off by the Joint Executive Board (JEB) on 16 April 2018.

The Road Safety Department have since completed writing the full Technical Specification of Requirements and are now working with the South West Police Procurement Department (SWPPD) to finalise purchasing. Procurement Regulations require a mini-competition via the Government framework to take place before the final award of a contract.

The upgrade will concentrate replacing analogue cameras with digital devices at existing speed and red light camera sites in consultation with the respective Local Highway Authority (LHA).

The acquisition of Average Speed Cameras is being carried out separately through negotiations with Highways England, in support of LHA highway developments at new locations. The aspiration is that there will be no cost to Dorset Police for this as any potential average speed camera installation would be part of a wider overall highway project.

As a result, and following some amendments to potential estimated costings from the existing supplier, it is expected that the total cost of the digital upgrade to Dorset Police will be significantly less than initially expected. Final costings are still awaited during/following completion but early indications are that total costs will be around £850k (as opposed to the £1.3M previously anticipated). Members will recall that £300k has already been set aside to fund the upgrade.

The Force are confident that the programme remains on track for the speed and red light camera upgrade to be complete by April 2019.