

## PCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 0042/17
<b>Classification</b> Not protectively marked
<b>Title of report:</b> Body Worn Video (BWV) cameras for Essex Police Authorised Firearms Officers (AFO)
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b>  Countywide
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- 1. Purpose of report**
  - 1.1 To seek approval of £223,200 capital for the purchase of BWV cameras for firearm officers and ballistic helmets which cameras can be mounted on.
- 2. Recommendations**
  - 2.1 Approve funding request purchase of BWV cameras for Essex Police firearms officer and ballistic helmets.
- 3. Benefits of Proposal**
  - 3.1 Purchase of BWV for authorised firearm officers will ensure that Essex Police is compliant with the NPCC guidelines for the use of BWV in overt armed operations.

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3.2 BWV will provide better evidence and reduce the length of time taken by IPCC when an incident is investigated; this is because less time will be required to verify officer statements.

3.3 Potential 25% reduction in the number of complaints against firearms officers based on a four force NPCC trial. In addition this could reduce potential liable claims against Essex Police.

#### 4. Background and proposal

4.1 Essex Police currently has 400 BWV cameras which are deployed across the force.

4.2 The National Police Chief Council (NPCC) directed that BWV camera should be rolled out and used at every overt police firearms operation and that this should be completed as soon as reasonably practicable.

4.3 The proposal is for the current back office system to be expanded to capture and store data from the additional devices for firearms officers. The proposal will see the procurement of adapted cameras to be purchased by Kent and Essex. The adaptations are to allow the cameras to be mounted in the helmets in line with the NPCC guidance.

#### 5. Police and Crime Plan

5.1 Purchase of BWV cameras for firearms officer will support the priorities in the Police and Crime Plan.

#### 6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 Purchase of BWV cameras and helmets will ensure that officers are equipped in line with NPCC guidelines.

#### 7. Financial Implications

7.1 Overall costs for the purchase of BWV to be funded from capital in 2017/18

Activity	2017/18 (£)	Funding
Purchase of BWV equipment for all firearms officer	125,600	Capital
Purchase ballistic helmets suitable for the mounting of BWV	61,800	Capital
Purchase of additional safety equipment	35,800	Capital
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>223,200</b>	

#### 8. Legal Implications

8.1 No legal implications

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**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

9.1 No staffing implications

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**

10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications

**11. Background papers**

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the OPCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PCC / DPCC .

Chief Executive/M.O Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *S. Hancock*

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *WALTER A GARNETT*

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**Decision**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign: *[Signature]*

Print: *R.C. HIRST*

**PCC/Deputy PCC**

Date signed: *4/6/17*

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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**PCC/Deputy PCC**

Date signed:

**Publication**

Report for publication

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**Reasons for non-publication** (*state 'None' if applicable*)

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