

## PFCC Decision Report

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<b>Report reference number:</b> 113-18
<b>Classification:</b> OFFICIAL
<b>Title of report:</b> Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Unit ID 90
<b>Area of County/Stakeholders affected:</b> North LPA - Maldon
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<b>Date of report:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2018
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### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval for a Section 50 Street Works Licence application agreement with Essex County Council (ECC) to install and maintain Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) equipment.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Approve the Section 50 Street Works Licence that will enable ground works phases of ANPR installation and allow for the installation and use of equipment at this roadside location.

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1 ANPR data from proposed fixed site ANPR equipment at this location will provide real time intercept opportunities and slower time investigation options to support crime prevention, crime detection and public safety objectives in the following categories:

- Residential and commercial burglary investigations
- Stolen vehicle enquiries
- Drug supply and distribution disruption activities
- Vulnerable and at risk missing person enquiries

- Achieving early intervention with domestic violence suspects
- Targeting high risk drink and drug driver offenders
- Combatting human trafficking and child sexual exploitation
- Wider Counter Terrorism and significant harm risks

#### **4. Background and proposal**

- 4.1 ANPR has successfully been utilised in the Maldon area to support crime prevention and crime detection objectives as part of a partnership with Maldon District Council for at least eight years. This included the siting of ANPR in central Maldon from the police station premises.
- 4.2 ANPR data from the site has featured in a variety of high profile court proceedings achieving convictions for a variety of residential and commercial burglary offence series as well as providing intelligence to support drug supply offence intelligence gathering activity.
- 4.3 The closure of Maldon police station will result in the ANPR capability being withdrawn.
- 4.4 Capital funding has been set aside to review the ANPR capability and relocate/refresh equipment.
- 4.3 Community consultation as part of Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) processes has established significant community support for the utilisation of this technology in the Maldon area. A new Maldon location has been identified to replace the existing site.
- 4.4 Installation plans have been costed and purchase orders placed to complete this expansion proposal. The section 50 Licence is needed to commence ground work phases of this element of the wider programme of work.

#### **5. Police and Crime Plan**

- 5.1 This proposal will support priority two to seven of the Police and Crime Plan summarised as:
- Cracking down on anti-social behaviour
  - Breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
  - Reversing the trend in serious violence
  - Tackling gangs and organised crime
  - Protecting children and vulnerable people
  - Improving safety on our roads.

#### **6. Police Operational Implications**

- 6.1 The continued use of ANPR capability in this area will provide real time intercept and slow time investigative ANPR data research options in the Essex Police ANPR Back Office Facility (BOF) system. Authorised BOF users will be able to search and research this data as part of their day to day operational activities providing additional response and research opportunities.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1 Capital and revenue funding is already in place. Capital budget CAP3140 EA 207 refers and is fully funded.

## **8. Legal Implications**

### **8.1 Highways Requirements**

8.1.1 The conditions stipulated in the Licence are being met as follows:

- Existing contractors use approved open excavation ground works methods liaising with utility firms and others in the event of issues raised by ECC
- Essex Police will maintain the site in a good state of repair with at the very least annual routine maintenance visits. Installations comprise of galvanised, stainless steel or aluminium camera columns built to withstand the effects of continual exposure to all year round weather conditions
- If roadside equipment at these locations were to be withdrawn Essex Police are fully aware of our obligation to engage with ECC in accordance with the licence.
- The clause to indemnify ECC is acknowledged in respect of any claim for injury, damage or loss arising out of the presence of the equipment, Essex Police has Public Liability Insurance in respect of this risk.

### **8.2 National ANPR Standards for Policing**

8.2.1 Essex Police operate ANPR in compliance with National ANPR Standards for Policing (NASP) version 3.1 part 1 to 3 which deal with data standards, infrastructure standards together with data access and management standards. All are published on the NPCC web site at the following location: <http://www.npcc.police.uk/FreedomofInformation/ANPR.aspx>

8.2.2 Essex Police operate ANPR to support the strategic objectives outlined in the Home Office 2016 – 2020 ANPR Strategy.

8.2.3 The impending migration from local ANPR Back Office Facility (BOF) ANPR systems to the new National ANPR Service (NAS) will be a step change for ANPR use by police with significant cross border, regional and national functionality to enhance crime prevention and crime detection. Essex Police are preparing for that transition and the changes to the NASP that will come with it.

### **8.3 Surveillance Codes Of Practice**

8.3.1 The Surveillance Camera Code of Practice is very clear on the proportionate use of ANPR technology with openness and transparency. Essex Police have imbedded the 'pressing need' consideration into our working practices as part of Privacy Impact Assessment consultation processes reflecting the guiding principles from the code many of which overlap with the NASP version 1 to 3.

**9. Staffing and other resource implications**

9.1 There are no staffing or resource implications associated with this activity.

**10. Equality and Diversity implications**


10.1 There are no equality and diversity implications associated with this activity.

**11. Background papers**

11.1 Background approvals are recorded in ANPR Strategy Board minutes. Finance reports provide capital codes and spending profiles for the expansion activity.

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer, prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC .

Chief Executive/M.O Sign:   
Print: David Lawson  
Date: 3 August 2018

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Sign:   
Print: ..... Ashley Gordon .....  
Date: ..... 6 / 8 / 18 .....

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**Chief Executive/Treasurer**

Date signed: .....

**Decision and Final Sign Off**

I agree the recommendations to this report;

Sign:  .....

Print: JANE GARDNER .....

**PFCC/Deputy PFCC**

Date signed: 6 AUGUST 2018 .....

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because;

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Date signed: .....

