

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING  
SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES**

**20 NOVEMBER 2018**

**SUBJECT: DIGITAL MOBILE UPDATE**

**Report of the Chief Constable**

<p><b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b></p> <p>1. To provide an update to the PCC on Hand held device development and the use of Body Worn Video (BWV).</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is satisfied with the continued progress.</p>
<p><b>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>KEY INFORMATION</b></p> <p>4. The PCC invested £2 million pounds from an internal 'Transformation Fund' to support this technology.</p> <p>5. The provision of mobile hand-held devices allows officers to access various force systems without returning to the police station. The devices continue to be upgraded to include more functions increasing efficiency for officers.</p> <p>6. BWV devices have been rolled out to Uniformed Patrol Officers for use in overt policing activity across West Yorkshire. They have now been issued in all districts, including 200 special constables. Following successful testing, an alternative device for Firearms Officers has been successfully sourced and has now been deployed. This project will play an important role in the future of policing in West Yorkshire and nationally.</p> <p>7. Members of the public can expect to see devices used and 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.</p>

8. The PCC has recently met with colleagues from the Racial Justice Network to discuss their concerns regarding the Biometric Fingerprint App. He has referred the issue to the Force Independent Advisory Group for further consideration.

**ATTACHMENT**

- [Chief Constables report – Digital Mobile Update \(PDF 445KB\)](#)