



PCC DECISION

REF 2026/007

Decision Title: National Grid Fleet Electrification – Final Business Case

Decision summary:

The PCC approved a Final Business Case on 12/05/26 in the Governance & Scrutiny Board in support of the proposals to upgrade grid connections across the Constabulary estate, with National Grid Electricity Distribution (NGED) and Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN), securing energy to electrify the Constabulary fleet.

Background or reference to supporting papers:

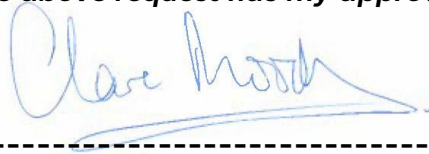
The Constabulary is transitioning to battery electric vehicles (BEV) in line with the UK Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate. A critical dependency is securing sufficient electrical capacity across our estate portfolio early. Around 50% of the police fleet operates in emergency roles. To keep these vehicles operationally viable, a footprint of rapid chargers at key sites is needed. The existing grid connections do not have sufficient spare capacity (“headroom”) to support our fleet needs. Committing to upgrades with Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) now, and taking a phased, agile deployment approach will reduce risk, accelerate fleet roll-out, and position us to access external funding. DNO lead-times are multi-year; delay increases the risk of facing constrained DNO capacity and puts fleet replacement under pressure as ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) availability declines. This programme of work directly supports the Sustainability Plan ambition.

There are clear benefits expected from upgrading grid connections. They are (1) Energy security — secures capacity at police sites and reduces reliance on higher-cost public charging (2) Fleet deployment — enables a measured, phased roll-out of BEVs across all roles, including emergency response (3) DNO capacity risk — mitigates the risk of constrained DNO queues by locking allocations in early (4) Funding readiness — positions the Constabulary to bid for external funding where confirmed grid capacity is a prerequisite (5) Sustainability — enables fleet emissions reduction in line with the Constabulary’s Sustainability Plan.

Avon and Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any declarations of disclosable interest in this matter. Any such interests are disclosed.

The above request has my approval.



Date 08/06/26

Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset

CFO Signatures

Date 12/05/26

(OCC CFO required if decision requested or presented for approval by Constabulary)



PCC CFO



OCC CFO

Other relevant lead officer as required

Date 8/6/26

(e.g PCC CEO, COG lead)

Chief Executive

Karl Parfitt



Job title

Name

Signature