



AVON & SOMERSET

POLICE & CRIME
COMMISSIONER

PCC DECISION

REF 2026/009

Decision Title: Regional Body Worn Video Camera (BWVC) – Final Business Case

Decision summary:

The PCC approved a Final Business Case on 09/06/26 in the Governance & Scrutiny Board in support of the proposals for the replacement of the current BWVC solution (retrospective approval – please see notes reference earlier regional governance decisions below and formal signing of AXON Contract).

Background or reference to supporting papers:

The expiry of the existing Body Worn Video Camera (BWVC) contract in November 2026, combined with the age and end-of-support position of the current camera estate, has created a time-critical requirement for Avon & Somerset Constabulary to replace its BWVC solution. The current hardware is not eligible for extended warranty or support, so a failure to replace the solution in a timely manner would result in a loss of BWVC capability with associated significant operational risks.

To secure best value, the Constabulary have participated in a South-West regional procurement process. This collaborative approach widened market engagement and sought economies of scale. Following a full competitive tender conducted under the national Blue Light Commercial Framework, AXON was identified as the preferred bidder. Formal governance of the project has been established regionally – and through that framework, in February 2026, the Regional ICT Board authorised AXON as the preferred supplier based on the approved Gate 2 procurement paper. Following completion of due diligence, the Constabulary formally signed the contract with AXON on 30/03/26 to deliver the replacement BWVC solution. The Business Case set out the full implications for the Constabulary – including resources required, costs, delivery risks, and key decisions that are within local control.

The total project delivery costs were defined in the Final Business Case inclusive of up-front hardware, delivery, supplier services and resources. An optimism bias of was applied to manage delivery risk, with spend controlled through local Project Board governance. The Single Tender Action, approved in March 2026, enabled early recruitment of specialist IT contractor support. Project delivery costs are already fully accounted for within local IT Directorate budgetary planning assumptions. The Final Business Case reflected the agreed licence model and optional value-added functionality related to the enhanced connectivity and live-streaming capability (FUSUS) pilot – this will be refined during contract finalisation.

Key delivery risks were noted and these relate to cost pressures from third-party electrical and network contractors required to enable docking and charging facilities across police sites, the potential scheduled impacts from required mini-tenders for installation services, and the fixed end-of-life date of the existing BWVC solution of 30/11/26. The current delivery plan includes contingency for slippage.

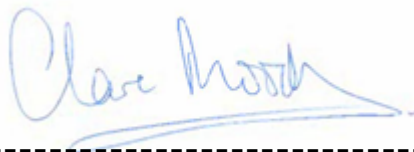
This Project ensures continuity of BWVC capability, maintains public and operational confidence, and delivers a compliant, scalable, and future-proofed solution.

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 11/06/26



Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset

CFO Signatures

Date 09/06/26

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



PCC CFO

OCC CFO

Other relevant lead officer as required

Date 09/06/26

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