

Decision Title:

Rapid Charging – Fleet Electrification – Charging Units Investment – Phase 1

Decision summary:

The PCC approved a Final Business Case on 11/08/26 in the Governance & Scrutiny Board in support of the proposals for Phase 1 investment for Charging Units as part of the wider Fleet Electrification Project. Avon & Somerset Police is transitioning to Battery Electric Vehicles (BEV) in line with the UK Government's Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate.

Background or reference to supporting papers:

A critical dependency for this transition, is securing sufficient electrical capacity at sites and cost effective, good quality and durable charging units. Fleet electrification forms part of Avon & Somerset Police's Sustainability, Fleet and Estates Plans. Investment aligns to the Estates Roadmap, in particular, so that electrification upgrades are sequenced appropriately and to coincide with other investment where possible to drive value and reduce disruption. Earlier analysis sought to inform decarbonised fleet investment plans across all five forces regionally, providing useful data-informed baseline, with further analysis and scenario planning, testing and assumption adjustments ongoing. This work was critical to inform the national grid capacity and infrastructure investment timeline that runs alongside this work as well as fleet replacement plans.

The Final Business Case provided post tender costs with a recommendation to appoint VEV as the preferred supplier for charging unit hardware. This investment will enable the next stages of Constabulary fleet electrification. A fully compliant and competitive tender process, supported by South West Police Procurement Services, assures that VEV has adequately provisioned costs against all work items. The final tender costs including internal contingency are within the capital provisioned for this work within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Timelines for implementation of the hardware are for between September 2026 and March 2027. The transition to an electric fleet will require a shift from reactive fuelling to proactive charging. Rapid charging will ensure reduced Officer downtime, better vehicle circulation and more predictable deployment. This activity enables the expansion of the Constabulary electric vehicle fleet and increases operational readiness.

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 17/08/2026



Police & Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset

CFO Signatures**Date 21/08/26**

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

**PCC CFO****OCC CFO****Other relevant lead officer as required****Date 21/08/26**

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