

Report of Chief Inspector Matthew Davison / Lisa Raynor; West Yorkshire Police

Report to Outer North East Area Committee

Date: 26th January 2015

Subject: Wellbeing Funding application – Farmwatch Landrovers

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Wetherby, Harewood and Alwoodley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. An overview of the current fleet position in Outer North East and associated financial costs to West Yorkshire Police
2. An explanation of the benefits of flexible deployment of Landrovers across the whole of Outer North East, which in previous years has only covered Wetherby and Harewood Wards.
3. A request for Outer North East Community Committee Well-being funding for continuation of the scheme.

Recommendations

4. The Outer North East Community Committee is asked to consider a request for a £6,000 contribution towards the scheme.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The report outlines the current vehicle fleet position of West Yorkshire Police in the Outer North East area.
- 1.2 The report requests Outer North East Community Committee continue supporting funding of £6,000 per annum for fuel costs associated with the Landrovers deployed across all Outer North East wards.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Outer North East Neighbourhood Policing Team covers Wetherby, Harewood and Alwoodley wards. A recent review of the Police vehicle fleet in West Yorkshire Police shows ONE with six vehicles. Of these, three are fully funded by WYP and the fourth is 1/3 funded by Wetherby Town Council. The four vehicles cost West Yorkshire Police £35,000 per annum plus fuel.
- 2.2 The additional two vehicles are Landrovers. One is a loan from Ripon landrovers which costs West Yorkshire Police £1,560 plus any non-warranty repairs, MOT and so on, as well as the fuel.
- 2.3 The second Landrover was gifted by Hesco bastion and adopted under WYP capital scheme. This means it costs WYP £3,072 in this financial year in "lease" charges, which covers insurance and repairs. If the vehicle is written off or when the repair costs are uneconomical, the vehicle will not be replaced.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Basic costs of £4,632 as above for the two Landrovers are not factored in to the West Yorkshire Police fleet budget so these costs are additional.
- 3.2 Fuel costs for the two Landrovers amounted to nearly £7,000 in this financial year. This is not provided for in the fleet budget and so is additional spend.
- 3.3 Non warranty repairs and MOT charges to the Ripon Landrover have cost over £3,000 in this financial year which has to be provided for from the Leeds WYP district budget.
- 3.4 Whilst WYP cannot guarantee that the Landrovers will not be considered in any decisions around reducing fleet further, WYP can assure Councillors that their contribution will only be billed at the end of the funding, and only if it has been used for the additionality of the landrovers. Full details of deployment and fleet numbers will be made available in each quarterly return.
- 3.5 WYP are committed to ensuring that the use of the vehicles is limited to Farmwatch duties and those in Wetherby and Harewood wherever possible. If the immediate need to meet demand elsewhere arises, WYP will reserve the right to use the vehicles in neighbouring areas but this will only take place where absolutely necessary, will be limited to as shorter time period as possible, and will be offset by the occasions where vehicles allocated to neighbouring areas are deployed to Wetherby and Harewood for similar reasons.

Corporate Considerations

5 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.1 All ward Councillors were consulted regarding the Well-being application in December 2014.

6 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 6.1 Resources are deployed according to the needs of the communities across Outer North East.

7 Council policies and City Priorities

- 7.1 The proposal supports the City Priority Plan aim to reduce crime levels and their impacts across Leeds.

8 Resources and value for money

- 8.1 The support provided by Leeds City Council over the last three years to contribute towards the landrovers has proved successful.

9 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 9.1 There are no legal implications associated with the proposal.

10 Risk Management

- 10.1 There is a desire to retain the project in some form but the absence of funding makes it vulnerable to budget constraints in relation to the West Yorkshire Police vehicle fleet reductions.
- 10.2 Service and repair arrangements are in place to keep vehicles on the road except in the case of write off or unviable repair costs following mechanical or structural failure. Both vehicles are regularly serviced.

11 Conclusions

- 11.1 The measurable outcome will be to continue to return a reduction in overall crime throughout Wetherby & Harewood & Alwoodley compared to previous similar periods. The continuation of the scheme will enable the sustained delivery of rural crime reduction patrols which challenge poaching and related offences of equipment theft, crop damage and aggravated trespass.

12 Recommendations

- 12.1 The Outer North East Community Committee is asked to consider a request for a £6,000 contribution towards the scheme.

13 Background Papers

- 13.1 There are no background papers associated with this report.