

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 3 February 2022

Report of the Head of Service - Procurement

Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
Ormskirk;

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Installation of Red Light and Speed on Green Cameras

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

The county council, in collaboration with Lancashire Constabulary, as part of the Safer Roads Partnership has identified two sites on the A59 in Ormskirk (Five ways and Hayfield Road) where the introduction of red light and speed on green cameras would assist in reducing road traffic incidents.

The county council has identified an infra-red speed camera system which is effective in picking up speeding offences and requires less intrusive installation than camera systems that require cabling to be installed underground. The infra-red camera systems can be mounted on standard and passively safe columns or existing street furniture and are more reliable and easier to maintain.

The infra-red system is currently only produced by the supplier Jenoptik, which is the only supplier to have Home Office Type Approval for the infra-red camera technology.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve a waiver of the county council's procurement rules as set out at paragraph 14.2 of Appendix R to the county council's Constitution, to allow a direct award of a contract to be made to Jenoptik Limited in respect of the installation and maintenance of red light and speed on green cameras as set out in the report.

Detail

As part of the Safer Roads Partnership, Lancashire Constabulary and the county council have identified two sites in Lancashire where they believe red light and speed on green cameras would reduce road traffic casualties caused by red light running occurrences.

The two junctions are on the A59 in Ormskirk and are the junctions at Five Ways and the junction at Hayfield Road. The accident data from both locations shows casualties arising from the red light running. The speed limit on this section of road on the A59 has recently been reduced because of safety concerns and the speed enforcement element of the cameras will help to improve road safety further.

- Red light and speed on green light cameras: Infra-red system which is classed as an above ground system. The system can be installed without the requirement to place cables underground and uses an infra-red system. Access to maintain the system is easy and effective in its use.
- Red light stopped on green light cameras: below ground camera system. The camera system requires cabling to be installed underground. Maintenance or fault-finding of the underground cabling cannot be undertaken easily.

Both types of camera, (infra-red above ground installation and underground cabled cameras) are approved by the Home Office for the unattended enforcement of Red Light and Speed on Green and therefore either system could be used. The preferred option is the infra-red above ground system which has less intrusive installation, with no requirement to dig up roads to lay cables and impact the road network, and likewise has easier access for maintenance and fault finding. In addition, the infra-red cameras provide the potential for the cameras to be moved to different locations in the future, albeit with the appropriate columns or street furniture in place.

Consultations

Subject matter experts within the Highways Service have been consulted in drafting this report.

Implications:

The full implications of this recommendation are included in Appendix 'A' which is exempt from publication for the reasons set out below.

Financial

Lancashire Road Safety Partnership will part fund the cost with the remainder coming from the county council's capital budget.

List of Background Papers

| Paper | Date | Contact/Tel |
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

Exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A in the Local Government Act 1972. Appendix 'A' contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information). It is considered that in the circumstances of the case the public interest of maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.