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SUMMARY DECISION SHEET

Purpose: Commissioner Decision – Ref.DLl325

Timing: Singular

Title: Driver Retraining Scheme Budget management

Category of Decision / Business Area Impact: Finance

Executive Summary:

Dyfed Powys Police is a recognised Driver Retraining Scheme Course Provider. Driver Retraining Schemes allow for drivers found committing a driving offence to be offered a training course as an alternative to prosecution. The offenders are charged a course fee dictated by the course provider.

As per national guidance (UKROEd), course fee costs are distributed as follows:

- Central Police Recovery costs
- UKROEd administrative costs
- Course provider overhead costs

Any surplus arising from the Driver Retraining activity is currently transferred to the Commissioner's Driver Retraining Scheme reserve fund which has been used to support road safety initiatives.

During October 2022, the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 was updated to clarify police powers when charging for driver retraining courses. This included course fees to be set at a level that exceeds Central Police Recovery cost, and which enable an element of the fee to be charged in relation to the costs of promoting road safety.

To allow the Chief Constable to more effectively utilise the surpluses arising to underpin and promote road safety initiatives, the commissioner has transferred ownership to the force.

The 2024/25 Mid Term Financial Plan reflects the retention of surpluses arising from Driver Retraining activities within the Chief Constables budget which will underpin expenditure on roads policing, road safety co-ordination and road safety campaigns.

Recommendation:

To allow the Chief Constable to more effectively utilise the surpluses arising to underpin and promote road safety initiatives, the commissioner has transferred ownership to the force.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Dyfed-Powys

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Nolan Principles for Conduct in Public Life.

Signature: Dafield Mul Date: 25/01/24