



Andover Town Council

To **consider** action to be taken regarding new Speed Indicator Devices.

Item No.
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Produced for: Full Council

By: Town Clerk

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Background:

The Council have resolved in the meeting of 20th Sept 2023, that Officers progress with Option A, the Autospeedwatch project. (C-111/09/23) New [Autospeedwatch Devices](#) were to be purchased.

Updates:

- Meetings have been had with Inspector Paul Holmes, of Test Valley District Police and Tim Gibbs, Director of Autospeedwatch.
- Test Valley District Police have since been in talks with East Hampshire District regarding their trial.

The following response has been received from Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and Isle of Wight:

I am writing in response to your recent correspondence to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, seeking the Commissioner's support for the Auto Speed Watch scheme.

Unfortunately, following an internal review of your proposal and further discussions with colleagues from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Constabulary, the Commissioner is unable to support your proposal. The only scheme that the Commissioner and the Constabulary are currently able to support is Community Speed Watch.

Before any additional cameras can be installed anywhere in the country, strict criteria set by the Department of Transport must be met. This includes evidence of need (data from high-risk roads, which has resulted in an increased volume of road traffic accidents, both serious and fatal, collected over a number of years) as well as evidence of traffic calming measures implemented before any cameras are installed. In addition, consideration must also be given to who owns the camera and is ultimately responsible for its upkeep and long-term maintenance. Furthermore, we are currently working with the force to seek assurances about the security and handling of the data and storage gathered by the scheme. Therefore, I regret to inform you that the scheme is unviable at this time.

The Town Clerk has asked the Director of AutospeedWatch and a member of the East Hampshire Trial Team to help draft a response. A meeting has been scheduled for the week commencing 18th March to compare notes.

In the meantime, Councillors are asked to consider if extra action should be taken.

Proposer: to be clarified.

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Proposals:

To **consider** if more SIDS of the older device style should be purchased:

Option B - [Westcotec](#)

Delays:

Finding a licenced contractor for installations and moves.

Employing someone to handle inhouse.

Ongoing costs for periodic movement.

Ready to go:

Use same supplier as previous units were supplied by.

PURCHASE COST	
Cost dependant on power source	Indicative cost based on previous purchases in Oct 2022:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">MainsSolarBattery (portable)Portable solar	£8,088 + VAT for 2 units.
YEARLY EXPENSES AFTERWARDS	
Cost of moving the units	TBC – employee / contractor.



Considerations:

- No investigation into the cost of a contractor to move the SIDS has been undertaken. The option to do so was discussed in the September meeting, but as Council resolved to progress the other option of Autospeedwatch devices that don't need to be moved, there was therefore no need to follow up on contractor availability or contractor training requirements.
- If Council decide to buy more devices which require rotating around the town, then a new contractor needs to be found as the current one does not have capacity for more work. This can of course be added to the Officers work program.