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THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Approval

Title: Fuel Cards

Executive Summary:

Using the CCS framework provides Cleveland Police with substantial value in terms of both financial savings and operational resilience. By aggregating purchasing power across the public sector, the framework secures preferential pricing, allowing organisations like Cleveland Police to benefit from fuel savings and low administrative fees that wouldn't typically be available through individual procurement efforts.

It significantly reduces the time and resources required to run a standalone procurement. All legal and compliance checks are already completed, and the terms are pre-negotiated, enabling internal teams to focus on core operational priorities rather than managing tenders.

Importantly, this framework has enabled Cleveland Police to continue using its current supplier under a new contract, maintaining service continuity and avoiding the risk of onboarding issues or operational gaps. This supplier remains the only one in the market capable of offering the full breadth of fuel services required by UK police forces, including nationwide coverage for traditional fuels, EV charging networks, and alternative fuel support. As a result, all police forces in the UK use this single provider.

The framework is flexible and scalable, supporting Cleveland Police's expanding fleet of electric vehicles. It allows the organisation to manage both internal combustion engine (ICE) and electric vehicles within a single contract—offering both short-term savings and long-term strategic alignment with government carbon reduction targets.

Because this is a compliant, government-endorsed framework, it provides full audit assurance, reduces procurement risk, and ensures Cleveland Police is following best practice in public sector sourcing. It also simplifies day-to-day contract management, with consolidated billing and streamlined reporting tools that support proactive budget management and fleet oversight.

Together, these benefits make the CCS framework not just a procurement solution, but a strategic lever for driving efficiency, value, and sustainability across Cleveland Police's vehicle operations.

The fuel card options available under the contract are outlined below:

Fuel Card Options, Pricing & Savings Breakdown

Fuel Card Type	Cost per Card	Included Services	Fuel Savings / Pricing
Standard Fuel Cards	£1.00	Optional add-ons: • Screen Wash • Oil • Car Wash • Jet Wash • Ad Blue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discount Diesel: MID CIF + 3.95ppl • Supermarket (Diesel/Unleaded): 0.5ppl off pump • Non-Discount Sites: 0.3ppl off pump
EV Fuel Cards	£1.90	Nationwide EV charging access; ideal for Cleveland Police's expanding electric fleet	Costs typically range from £0.25–£0.35 per kWh , with preferential network rates
Alternative Fuels	N/A	Available based on infrastructure: • Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) • Hydrogen • LPG	Pricing varies; supports sustainable operations and long-term emissions reduction goals

Decision:

1. The Police and Crime Commissioner note the procurement process used to appoint a supplier.
2. The Police and Crime Commissioner approve the procurement methods and use of a collaborative approach with other Police Forces.

OPCC Lead Officer: Cristina Florean

Contractor Details (if applicable): Allstar Business Solutions

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Legal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality & Diversity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Risk	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(If yes please provide further details below)

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

The Force currently operate with a total of 483 fuel cards, each incurring a £1.20 monthly admin fee. Therefore, the total admin fee per year is expected to be £6,955.

In terms of savings, the Force use around 56,000 litres of fuel per month, and with Allstar's 0.5p per litre discount off the pump price, they will save around £280 per month or £3,360 per year.

These fuel cards provide convenience, allowing officers and operational vehicles to refuel at virtually any station across the country, ensuring uninterrupted service and efficiency, they eliminate the complexities associated with traditional payment methods and they streamline fuel procurement and reduce administrative burdens.

While the above numbers are financially small, the reason that this is for the PCC's consideration is that the full costs of the fuel purchased are paid to the fuel card supplier. This means that payments to the supplier are likely to be around £900k per year, and therefore the total contract cost, depending on usage of fuel prices, is likely to be £2,325k across the 2 years and 7 months that this contract will be in place for.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

There are no legal implications arising.

Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality and diversity implications to be considered as part of this process.

Human Rights Implications

There are no human rights implications to be considered as part of this process.

Sustainability Implications

There are no sustainability implications to be considered as part of this process.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risk management implications to be considered as part of this process.

OFFICER APPROVAL
Monitoring Officer

Signed



Date 09.07.25

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 11.07.25