

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Dom Coleman

Subject:
Funding for Surrion Electric Motorcycles

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor's decision		Chief Officer's decision	X

In all case this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.

<p>The decision is that: Funding of £18,139 is approved to be spent by GMP to purchase and maintain two Surrion Electric Motorcycles.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>GMP has seen an increase in the use of Surrion and other electric motorcycles over the last twelve months. The electric motorcycles feature heavily in complaints regarding anti social behaviour (Riding off road / footpaths / Inappropriate Speed / manner of riding) and their use to assist in criminal activity (Theft from persons / theft from vehicles / drug transportation).</p> <p>The majority of the electric motorcycles are being ridden on the road illegally as the riders do not hold a licence or insurance which is required by law and are being ridden in a manner that is causing danger to both themselves and other road users.</p> <p>GMP will see the relaunch of a dedicated Motorcycle Unit in April 2024. Officers will deploy on a mixed fleet of bikes with road and off road capability.</p> <p>The two Surrion Ultra Bee Motorcycles being purchased would be used to tackle both criminality and road safety and would feature at the various road safety events that GMP attend, promoting the legal use and safe riding.</p>
<p>This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:</p> <p>Electric bikes would support Vision Zero which is the next step in Greater Manchester's mission to reduce the number of deaths or serious injuries</p>

caused on the city-region's roads by 2040 and in turn make it a safer, healthier and more sustainable place for pedestrians, cyclists, motorcyclists and motorists.

In addition to daily operational use, they would be used during Operation Avro, Considerate, Bike Safe and any other partnership events we attend to promote road safety.

Low carbon options such as transitioning to electric bikes also contribute towards the GM Environment Plan and our long term environmental vision to be carbon neutral by 2038.

Procurement comments:

No Procurement concerns. It is understood that GMP Procurement Team will be carrying out a compliant procurement process for the items purchasing the two Surrón electric motorcycles.

Financial comments:

This will be funded from GMPs existing funding. There are sufficient funds available.

Legal comments:

N/A

Risk Assessment:

The Surrón carries the usual risks associated with riding a motorcycle. Measures are in place to reduce the risk of collisions / injury which are documented in the Motorcycle Risk Assessment document.

The Surrón has passed MET testing which is the recognised level of testing/ approval before vehicles can be used for Policing purposes.

The Surrón motorcycle does not match the criteria of an advanced vehicle, however due to its initial acceleration, Driving School have agreed that it will only be used by Advanced Motorcyclists who also possess the off road riding qualification. Officers will be instructed to familiarise themselves with the bike prior to riding in an operational environment.

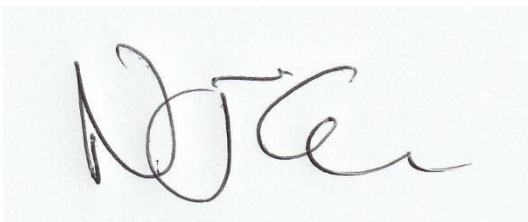
Health and Safety and Force insurance are in agreement the motorcycle can be charged using a charging device plugged into a normal wall socket, however this would not be left unattended overnight on charge to mitigate any safety concerns. This is documented in the risk assessment.

The battery life of the Surrion allows for a range of fifty miles, therefore in reality it will mainly be used on the inner City Divisions to prevent losing milage travelling to and from the outer Divisions, however this would still allow the Unit to Police the area's where the bikes are commonly used, ie Inner City Districts.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:
All activities undertaken in connection with the funding will be in accordance with the relevant safeguarding policies of the agencies involved.

Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:
All activities undertaken in connection with the funding will be in accordance with the relevant safeguarding policies of the agencies involved.

Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire



Signed

Date 13th March 2024

Agreed by Treasurer

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