

## EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

14 March 2022

### REPORT OF THE GROUP ENGINEER (TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT)



#### Invest In Highways (Priority 9) Update

##### 1. Purpose of Report

Invest in Highways (Priority 9)

##### 2. Background

- 2.1 At the previous meeting caution was noted around the fixed spot speed cameras, and the delays in installing cameras. This is due to the proposed Partnership between Northumbria Police and the five local authorities not being finalised and the tendering process not yet commencing.
- 2.2 Its proposed that further discussion take place with Tyne and Wear Road Safety Partnership in relation to concerns around speeding and dangerous driving and a representative attends a future Area Committee meeting.

##### 3. Updated Position

- 3.1 There have been ongoing lengthy discussions with Northumbria Police to establish the future management of the Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative partnership. The Northumbria Safer Roads Initiative is a partnership between six local authorities within the force area comprising Sunderland, Gateshead, Newcastle, Northumberland, North Tyneside and South Tyneside with Northumbria Police. Gateshead are the lead local authority in this partnership.
- 3.2 These discussions are nearing completion. Once the partnership is formally re-established, the intention is to procure the replacement of the existing fixed spot speed and red-light cameras across the force area. Based on requests from councillors across the city, there is an intention to propose additional cameras across Sunderland.
- 3.3 These sites are to be assessed to determine suitability, location and funding requirements. Suitable locations will be put forward to include in the camera replacement programme.
- 3.4 The Essen Way and Stockton Road locations are included within these requests and until the works are procured and installed will continue to operate as 'Operation Modero' sites with the camera enforcement van.
- 3.5 The Sergeant responsible for the Road Safety Unit at Northumbria Police was requested to attend the meeting. He is unable to on this occasion due to shift working arrangement. His availability will be requested again. He has offered to provide an overview of the role of the Road Safety Unit and how speed enforcement is managed in Sunderland by Northumbria Police.

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