

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
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To consider assisting the police with a new kind of speed camera

Message from an inspector at Essex police:

I have a little proposal in relation to obtaining a TruCam 2 device for use in the district. I am currently trying to get funding under the proceeds of crime act, but not sure whether we will get the funding required to purchase this device which is essentially a speed gun which will allow greater enforcement in the district.

Locally the force have no funding for this device, and therefore I am trying other methods. My enquiry is whether a joint funding bid would be of interest if the POCA bid doesn't come off.

The device, excluding VAT, including a fitting that allows this device to work at night is £9598.00. Although expensive this will add additional capability to enforce speeding and deter driving issues within the district.

What is the appetite for potentially funding this between BDC, Halstead and Witham town councils? Hopefully the POCA bid will be successful, but would like to cover all the bases.

The Clerk has contacted the Witham Clerk, who stated :

Council approved this about a year ago when we were asked originally. We were told they were asking you and BDC then but they obviously didn't. We have loads of issues with speeding here but my only worry is how many roads are 'Tru Cam approved' as you have to go through a process to be able to use the camera on certain roads and I've asked which of ours would qualify.

However, it is clear in Halstead that there is very little opportunity for speeding, and even if there is some on the approach roads, previous checks have not been able to prove excessive speeding, and it is unlikely that the device would be use often enough in Halstead to warrant the expenditure.

Recommendation: that HTC does not agree to spend funds on a TruCam 2 device.



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Town Clerk