

Email from Stephen Mold Commissioner 6th December 2019

Dear Parish Council members

In my role as Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire I am committed to increasing the safety of residents across the County.

You will be aware of the Dedicated Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Scheme which has now been in place for approximately 2 years. The scheme has been successfully operating across a number of locations in the County, with a total of 9 of these dedicated PCSOs, red circled to a local neighbourhood.

Following this, I have recently had a number of enquiries from parish councils requesting that I consider whether it is possible for them to pay for their own Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera.

ANPR is a complex issue, with a wealth of requirements needing to be met before any such deployed camera can be linked to the national ANPR network. I am however happy to consider pursuing this if there is sufficient interest. Given the level of interest from these approaches I thought it prudent to write to parishes to identify whether there are other councils who might be interested in such a scheme if it was available. At this time I do not have full details of what this might look like but am simply scoping levels of interest.

Whilst full feasibility and details will be developed alongside the Force, following this initial scoping, it is clear that any such scheme would need to concentrate on crime prevention, intelligence gathering and post incident investigation. Rough indicative costs are likely to be in the region of £3500 - £4000 for a camera with revenue costs of between £30 and £50 per month, relating to costs such as electricity, data transfer and servicing.

If you would like to express an interest in the ANPR scheme, please send your details to:
commissioner@northantspfcc.pnn.gov.uk

Should there be sufficient interest in the scheme, I will contact you further once more details have been established.