



Request for decision: **D16-2016**

Subject matter: Horsebox alterations

Executive summary:

In February 2016, Avon and Somerset Constabulary (ASC) loaned a horsebox to Gloucestershire Constabulary (GC) to support the mounted capability trial. The initial agreement was to loan the horsebox free of charge for a period of six months. Following a decision that the trial is to be 12 months in duration, discussions started with Avon and Somerset Police to extend the loan arrangement for a further six months.

ASC has agreed that GC can loan the lorry for a further six months, albeit with a monthly rental charge of £750.

The horsebox also requires some alterations to ensure it is fully fit for purpose. There is a cost associated with these alterations:

- for a hydraulic ramp to be fitted, £17,400 and,
- alterations to steps £1,360.

A health and safety assessment has been carried out on the horsebox and these two issues are critical changes following that assessment.

The mounted capability trial is unable to function effectively without the use of a horsebox to transport the horses and riders to operational patrols, initiatives and events.

Recommendations (with reasons for that recommendation)

For the Governance Board to agree further funding to the value of £23,260. This money will pay for the alterations required in order to make the horsebox fully fit for purpose, taking into account health and safety requirements and the rental of the vehicle for a six month period.

Police and Crime Commissioner

The above request has my approval.

Signed:

Date: 26 May 2016