

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER
FOR HUMBERSIDE
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number **70/2025**

Title **Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme**

Executive Summary:

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The expanded scheme will be relaunched under a new name 'Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme' to reflect this increased scope. The renewed scheme aims to further reduce instances of speeding and improve road safety across the Humber. It will also extend the existing timeframe of the scheme to the end of March 2027.

Decision of the PCC

Approved.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 17/12/2025

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2. Recommendation

To expand and relaunch the existing Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) Grant Scheme under a new name 'Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme', offering grants to Town and Parish Councils and other community and voluntary sector organisations to support the purchase and installation of SIDs, AutoSpeedWatch cameras and support a pilot for AutoHGVWatch cameras. Funding will be made available through the scheme until the end of March 2027, subject to demand.

3. Background

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) offer traffic management solutions which reduce vehicle speeds and create safer and cleaner roads. These electric signs display a speed or message when triggered by vehicles travelling at excessive speeds.

SIDs are intended to supplement rather than replace the traditional signs and are aimed at addressing road safety issues in specific locations. Local Authorities have a limited number of SIDs which are deployed in locations across the area based on the top sites in their Local Speed Management Strategies. With this approach, there will always be locations where residents or local Parish Councils find they sit outside the top 120 and therefore do not receive the service of a device.

The Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme has supported 9 projects to date, with further interest having been received to install these solutions. There has also been a large amount of interest in installing the AutoSpeedWatch cameras, as well as other locations which have highlighted issues with HGVs not adhering to specified weight limits.

AutoSpeedWatch cameras are designed to capture those that are offending. It is an educational tool which results in the production of letters initially followed by potential police action. It guides enforcement to target locations or specific vehicles appropriately, whilst being an effective deterrent by its presence. It is an extension of the Community Speedwatch model but enables monitoring for a more sustained period without the need for large numbers of volunteers.

The design of the original SIDs scheme was informed by the requirements of the Local Authority Highways Teams in relation to ensuring the safe and appropriate installation of devices and associated street furniture and adherence to statutory requirements for working on a highway. Grant recipients are required to have the necessary permissions and insurance in place prior to approval of the grant funding. This will remain the case for the expanded scheme. A pilot of AutoSpeedWatch in Bubwith, East Riding of Yorkshire has also highlighted some learnings which have been incorporated into the development of the wider Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme.

4. Options

Option 1: Do Nothing

This option would not provide any additional improvements to road safety in the Humber. It would also not respond to the initial demand for AutoSpeedWatch cameras and AutoHGVWatch cameras that has been seen locally with a number of approaches made to the OPCC by Town and Parish Councils that are interested in grant funding to install these additional solutions.

Option 2: Larger Scale Grant Scheme

This option would provide a larger scale grant scheme and would require a higher level of financial commitment from the OPCC. This option would be higher risk in terms of deliverability and would put additional pressure on Police resources. As a result, this option is not recommended at this time.

Option 3: Expand the Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme to include AutoSpeedWatch and an AutoHGVWatch Pilot under the refreshed name 'Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme' (Preferred Option)

An expansion of the Grant Scheme would continue to make up to 50% funding available to Town and Parish Councils, Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations to cover the cost of the purchase and installation of the necessary street furniture and SIDs but would also enable the installation of AutoSpeedWatch and AutoHGVWatch cameras. This option would result in additional improvements to road safety across the Humber.

5. Financial Implications

There are no additional costs relating to this proposal. The expansion of the scope and rebrand will utilise the existing £40,000 budget and extend this to enable us to support projects up until end of March 2027.

6. Legal Implications

The PCC has the power to issue grants under Section 143 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

Legal advice was sought on the Community Safety Fund Grant Agreement which has been used for the SIDs scheme and will be expanded to include the additional scope.

7. Driver for Change/Contribution to Delivery of the Police and Crime Plan

The expansion of the to the Speed Indicator Devices Grant Scheme's scope and rebrand to 'Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme' will support the delivery of the following outcome of the Police and Crime Plan:

- Safer roads for all users

8. Equalities Implications

No implications, the grant scheme will not have any adverse impact on people with protected characteristics.

9. Consultation

The following have been consulted during the development of the approach and are supportive of the preferred option:

- Chief Executive
- Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner
- Data Protection Officer
- Local Authority Highways / Transport teams (as part of the existing grant scheme and proposed revision)

10. Media information

The opportunity available through the Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme will be promoted through the OPCC's various communications channels including promotion to the existing database of town and parish councils and voluntary and community sector organisations.

A list of all organisations and projects funded will be published on the OPCC website. There will be opportunities to promote the successful projects and publicise their impact.

11. Background documents

Draft Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme Guidance

12. Publication

Open

13. DPIA considered

Given the similarities with the grant funded Community Safety Fund and Speed Indicators Grant Scheme, the DPIA undertaken for that will be updated to include the Road Safety Measures Grant Scheme. The proposed scheme has been discussed and agreed with the Data Protection Officer.