

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

Decision Record Number: **DR 39/2026**

Title: **Lion Intoxilyzer 9000 equipment**

Executive Summary:

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Decision of the PCC:

Approved.

Background Report: Open

Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside

I confirm I have considered whether 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 08/07/2026

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2. Recommendation

It is recommended the OPCC agree the use of the partnership funds to fund the purchase of the equipment and first year maintenance as per the bid.

3. Background

Driving whilst under the influence of alcohol is a leading cause of fatal road traffic collisions with up to 290 deaths occurring each year on UK roads where alcohol is a contributory factor. A further 6,800 injuries occur during collisions where at least one driver was under the influence of alcohol. These figures are also reflected locally.

Safer Roads Humber and Humberside Police have adopted Vision Zero, which aims to support the police's efforts towards eradicating road death and serious injury by effective and innovative enforcement of Drink-Drive legislation.

The Lion Intoxilyzer 9000 is brand new technology, recently gaining Home Office Type Approval as a mobile evidential breath test device. The device aligns with current legislation and can be used at either hospitals or police stations.

Current technology in-force is restricted for use within a custody suite only and there are only 2 available devices in the force area, one at Clough Road, Hull and one at Birchin Way, Grimsby (a third device is at Priory HQ as a fall-back contingency, but this is not accessible for daily / spontaneous use).

Following a collision, involved parties are ordinarily hospitalised, even if only temporary, this causes evidential difficulties in obtaining evidential specimens of breath for analysis. Time delays cause the loss of accurate evidence and can

result in costly expert reports for back-calculations which will also generally err on the side of caution, resulting in offenders evading justice.

The provision of a Lion Intoxilyzer 9000 will contribute towards swift justice, removing high-harm offenders from our roads in a timely and efficient manner. Adopting this new technology will put the partnership at the forefront of UK policing and casualty reduction.

The force seeks support in purchasing two devices and associated training for 24 officers from both the Roads Policing Unit (force wide) and officers from Local Policing in the East Riding of Yorkshire (ERoY).

The ERoY historically has suffered from the lion's share of fatal road traffic collisions. Being a rural location with no designated custody suites, enforcement of drink-drive legislation is sporadic and inefficient.

The devices will be deployed both spontaneously following collisions and proactively following arrests for drink driving where the offender is hospitalised, or the nearest police station is not a designated police station with an evidential Intoxilyzer.

Once in place and officers have been trained, the equipment will be immediately available for deployment. The ambition is for this equipment to be deployable prior to the annual National Christmas Drink Drive Campaign (December 2026).

Purchase of this innovative equipment will contribute towards efficient processing of offenders, removing the requirement to transit all offenders through a custody suite, albeit, section 10 of the Road Traffic Act will allow for offenders to be detained in police custody following a positive evidential sample, should there be a requirement to do so (likelihood of further offending, requirement to remand in custody etc).

Success will be measured by the number of offenders processed and promoted via press-releases on launch and upon positive deployments and convictions.

The machines are small and are carried in the boot of a police vehicle. They can be taken quickly to any collision scene and the evidence gathered quickly and accurately to a court standard. This will make a considerable difference to investigations and will give very early and immediate results to the investigating officers.

There has been a recent case in a fatal collision where the offender may well escape drink drive charges due to the inbuilt delays of obtaining samples and a back calculation report gives a result that can be easily contested at court.

The equipment is newly available technology that will give efficiencies and better results in that the investigators get the result at the scene rather than the

alternative of taking the prisoner to a custody suite many miles away and getting the evidential result sometimes an hour or more later.

This would also save the force travelling costs, custody suite time, officer overtime etc.

4. Options

- 1) Agree the use of partnership funds from the PCC fund reserve.
- 2) Decline the use of the PCC fund reserve and decline the bid.

5. Financial Implications

ERYC partnership finance team have considered the bid and there are sufficient funds in the PCC Fund at Safer Roads Humber to agree the amount requested. It is recommended to utilise the PCC Fund for the purchase of the equipment and the first-year maintenance. Thereafter, Humberside Police will need to fund ongoing maintenance from the savings and efficiencies made by using the equipment. The ACC Specialist Crime, Operations and Criminal Justice is content that future costs such as maintenance and servicing can be met from within existing Roads Policing Unit (RPU) budgets.

There are no procurement issues as this is the only Home Office type approved equipment on the market.

6. Legal Implications

None.

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

This is a community-based road safety project that targets some of the most dangerous road users in our area. The Police and Crime Plan has a clear focus on safer communities and the need to tackle dangerous behaviours to make our roads safer for everyone.

The force is making savings and this will contribute to those savings in terms of officer time, travel time, mileage and fuel.

8. Equalities Implications

None.

9. Consultation

Safer Roads Humber Board members have been consulted and the Board voted in principle to accept the bid from the PCC fund as well as to the match funding.

The ACC Specialist Crime, Operations and Criminal Justice has been consulted and the proposed purchase has their strong support. It will significantly improve

the ability of Humberside Police to tackle drink-driving and bring individuals to justice who would otherwise have evaded it due to loss of evidence.

10. Media information

If funds are provided from the PCC Fund, the PCC would want to ensure that media information from Safer Roads Humber and Humberside Police included the source of funding for the initiative.

11. Background documents

Humberside Police bid to the partnership.

12. Publication

Open.

13. DPIA considered

Not required.