

Topic Scoring Criteria- Use of Speed Cameras

Topic Scoring Criteria	Yes/No	Evidence/Comment
Is the topic of significance to the region as a whole?	If 'yes' (+1 point)	<p>Yes, speed cameras are present across the Thames Valley.</p> <p>According to the Thames Valley Police website:</p> <p><i>'There are currently approximately 291 fixed camera installations, 21 red light camera installations, and 242 mobile camera locations the number of which is subject to change.'</i></p>
Is the topic of relevance to the work of the Police & Crime Commissioner?¹	If 'yes' (+1 point)	<p>This is not a Strategic Objective or Key theme in the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley's Police and Crime Plan.</p> <p>It should be noted that other Police and Crime Commissioners have made decisions about the strategic use and placement of speed cameras in their localities. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset and Avon PCC • West Midlands PCC • North Yorkshire PCC
Does the topic fall within the remit of a scrutiny body other than the PCP?	If 'no' (+ 1 point)	<p>The topic is within the remit of area-based overview and scrutiny committees with the responsibility for crime/community safety across the Thames Valley.</p>
Is work already underway on this subject (i.e. will work by the PCP be duplicative)?	If 'no' (+ 1 point)	<p>Having examined all of the overview and scrutiny work programmes across the Thames Valley there does not seem to be any work underway or planned on this topic.</p> <p>The Community Safety Partnerships across the Thames Valley are not undertaking any work in this area.</p>

¹ Policing Protocol Order 2011 highlights that the police and crime commissioner will be responsible for the totality of policing and that their conduct must abide by the seven Nolan principles of good governance in public life

Is there any political / legislative change underway that may impact this topic?	If 'no' (+ 1 point)	No
Does the statistical evidence available support the need to scrutinise this topic?	If 'yes' (+1 point)	<p>There is a split opinion on whether speed cameras are effective and whether Forces nationally are using them in the most effective manner. Further research will be required.</p> <p>Government, through the Commons library, has set out the legislative basis for Speed Cameras, including statistics to support their effectiveness in reducing collisions: http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SN00350.pdf.</p> <p>The member of the public who has requested that this topic is examined by the Police and Crime Panel has provided statistical information outlining a case against the current use and placement of speed cameras in the Thames Valley region.</p>
Does the qualitative evidence available support the need to scrutinise this topic?	If 'yes' (+1 point)	Not able to say at this stage without an in-depth review of information.
Can the public be engaged in the PCP's scrutiny of this topic?	If 'yes' (+1 point)	Yes
Are PCP resources available to scrutinise this topic effectively?	If 'yes' (+1 point)	Yes
Can the PCP expect to make a difference by scrutinising this topic?	If 'yes' (+1 point)	Yes
Would it be more appropriate to refer the topic to another body?	If 'no' (+ 1 point)	No- the Panel has a strategic view of the Force area and as such is best placed to carry out such a review. The Panel could refer this topic to local overview and scrutiny committees/panels, however there is no guarantee that these bodies will prioritise the work. Such action would also have resources implications for the PCC and Thames Valley Police as they may be called to attend a number of meetings to provide evidence across the region.
Are there any equality and diversity implications arising from scrutiny of this topic?	To be considered	No