

# CABINET

20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

## NOTICE OF MOTION REFERRED FROM COUNCIL (15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021) ACOUSTIC CAMERAS

### Recommendations / key decisions required:

To consider the Notice of Motion regarding Acoustic Cameras and to agree on any further actions.

### Reasons:

Council at its meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> September referred a Notice of Motion in respect of Acoustic Cameras, to the Cabinet.

The Cabinet will need to formally consider this motion and consider the proposals therein.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO  
Cabinet Decision Required YES  
Council Decision Required NO

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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At County Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> of September, the following Notice of Motion was agreed and is presented to Cabinet for further discussion -

“Many residents in the county have noticed the advent of the “boy racer” who not only tears along the streets of Carmarthenshire, but also have loud or popping exhausts. The problem is a multi-agency matter, not just a matter of the police holding the key to solve the problem.

Since 2019, the Department for Transport have been trialling cameras in various parts of the UK. The cameras work much like a normal speed camera but instead of calculating speed, they use a microphone to judge the amount of noise coming from a vehicle. Should a car be too loud, it will trigger the camera to take a photo and automated number plate recognition (ANPR) will clock the registration plate and ensure that a penalty is sent to the registered address of the offending owner.

We propose that Carmarthenshire County Council investigate the possibility of installing acoustic cameras in the problem areas of Carmarthenshire.”

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**No**

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Jonathan Morgan, Head of Homes and Safer Communities

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>

### Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Antisocial Behaviour Policy would need to be amended to include this area of work. If the problem of “boy racers” is taking place on privately owned land, currently work with landowners to secure access / egress to site. If on Public Highway, limited powers with Local Authority to deal with the matter.

### Legal

Limited Legal powers available to Local Authorities to enforce noise on Public Highway – Environmental Protection Act is not applicable in these cases. Main legislation in this area is enforced by the Police - Road Traffic Act 1988 / The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986.

May require the designation of a Public Spaces Protection Order is ASB route considered a feasible option

The technology is under trial at the moment, open to challenge.

### Finance

Costs of purchase, maintenance and calibration at the moment unknown, but would form part of the *investigation of the possibility of installation*

### ICT

Will become known during the investigation – may need ICT support.

### Risk Management

Accessing personal driver details will be required as part of the identification of offenders – will be reliant on Police. GDPR implications.

### Staffing implications

Many of the “boy racer” complaints arise during evenings/night-time and weekends. There is no “out of hours” response currently being provided. Implication on small team could be significant. Staffing impact will not only be on investigation but also on appeal of FPNs will be significant if taken forward.

### Physical Assets

The camera(s) would need to be purchased and maintained. Costs unknown at this time, as well as available suppliers.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jonathan Morgan, Head of Homes and Safer Communities

**1.Scrutiny Committee**

Not applicable

**2.Local Member(s)**

Not applicable

**3.Community / Town Council**

Not applicable

**4.Relevant Partners**

Not applicable

**5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations**

Not applicable

**CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDER  
AWARE/CONSULTED - YES**

Cllr Philip Hughes supported the NoM at the County Council meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information**

**List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Council Meeting 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2021 Link to agenda and minutes		<a href="#">Agenda for County Council on Wednesday, 15th September, 2021, 10.00 am (gov.wales)</a>