

ACPO Car Scheme – Humberside

The Humberside scheme provides eligible Chief Officers with a vehicle which is principally intended for business use and equipped in a manner that will enable it to be used by the Force as appropriate.

Value of entitlement

There is not a fixed value to the entitlement, instead a benchmark valuation of the BMW 5 series is used and this currently equates to £32,000 to £34,000 excluding VAT.

Period of Ownership

The replacement criteria are the same as those applied to Roads Policing vehicles, 175,000 miles or 4 years. In order to optimise the residual value of the asset upon disposal application of replacement criteria and the timing of replacement is informed by the professional judgement of the Fleet Manager with each case being judged on merit.

Purchased / Leased

To date Chief Officer vehicles have always been purchased outright in common with the wider Police fleet, and whilst this is likely to continue to be the preferred solution review of the most cost effective option for procurement is to take place periodically.

Tax, insurance, breakdown cover

For all of the vehicles currently owned and operated by the Force as part of the Chief Officer fleet breakdown cover is included as part of the manufacturers Police supply package. There is not an itemised additional cost for this. Vehicles are taxed and insured by the Force, and insurance is fully comprehensive and includes cover for named family members.

Mileage and fuel

Entitled Officers are provided with an agency fuel card and also a fuel “fob” for use with in-house fuel installations. Officers are required to record and declare non duty mileage for which the Force is reimbursed at the rate of 16 pence per mile. This rate has been agreed with and is regularly reviewed by HMRC.

Procedure when Officers cease duty

In the event that a successor is to be appointed before the due replacement of the vehicle, the vehicle will be passed to the successor. In the event that there is not to be a successor the vehicle will either be redeployed within the fleet or disposed of. Redeployment of vehicles of this kind will normally entail transfer to either Roads Policing or, less likely, Driver Training subject to the condition and residual valuation of the vehicle.

Equipment

All Chief Officer vehicles are equipped with Police role equipment to the specification for unmarked Roads Policing Unit vehicles. This includes blue lights to the front and rear, red rear lights, siren, flashing headlights and a Force radio. As and when required these vehicles are used by the Force to support Police operations such as, for example, VIP visits to the Force area. All Chief officer vehicles also contain “black box” data recorders.

Accessories

SATNAV and other accessories can be fitted where the addition enhances safety and/or the residual value of the vehicle. Additional equipment requires the approval of the Chief Constable prior to ordering.

Recent Review

In relation to Chief Officer vehicles, a recent review of transport within the Force recommended that:-

- Chief Officer vehicles use the most efficient fuel for the vehicle to ensure that they are as cost effective as possible. In the near terms it is most likely that Chief Officers will be provided with diesel powered vehicles. The ACO (Support) has subsequently recommended to the Chief Constable that only in exceptional circumstances should vehicles be procured outside of the new turnkey police vehicle contracts. Effectively this means that unless exceptional needs can be demonstrated and approved by the Chief Constable, Chief Officers will again be driving BMW sourced vehicles
- The Chief Constable considers the need for a corporate vehicle for all Chief Officers.
- The Force, when it next recruits to these positions, decides on what level of package is suitable to attract the individual required and consider if a vehicle is required to be a part of that.

Other information

Cars are provided for:-

- Chief Constable
- Deputy Chief Constable
- Assistant Chief Constable (Operations)
- Assistant Chief Constable (Operations Support)
- Assistant Chief Officer (Support)
- Assistant Chief Officer (HR) – Humberside and South Yorkshire