1.0 Summary of Changes

1.1 This is a new joint policy for Essex Police and Kent Police.

2.0 What this Policy is About

2.1 This policy provides an overview of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) systems and their capabilities. Nationally the strategic intent is to 'target criminals through their use of the roads'.

2.2 ANPR is an internationally recognised tool that can significantly reduce volume crime, heighten patrol focus, increase detection rates, tackle cross border crime and provide vital intelligence for use in counter terrorist and serious crime work. It is a technology that captures registration images displayed on all types of vehicle and transfers them to a database for intelligence and analytical purpose.

2.3 It is a strategic objective of the force for ANPR to be a general policing tool and as such the force will seek to broaden its understanding and use across all staff and departments.

*Compliance with this policy and any linked procedures is mandatory.*

3.0 Statement of Policy

3.1 Essex Police and Kent Police will use their ANPR systems in accordance with the force ANPR strategy for the business exploitation of ANPR in a lawful and ethical manner and in relation to the prevention and detection of:

- Terrorism;
- Serious crime;
- Volume crime;
- Fatal and serious injury road traffic incidents; and
- Vulnerable missing persons.

3.2 These will be achieved by more focused and intelligence-driven police activities to deny criminals the use of the roads.

4.0 Implications of the Policy

4.1 Finance / Staffing / Training / Other

4.1.1 ANPR Strategy Board and Capital Board provide the governance and financial structure.
4.2 Risk Assessment(s)

4.2.1 There are no risks associated with this policy – the associated procedures/SOPs will contain their own risk assessment sections.

4.3 Equality Impact Assessment

4.3.1 This policy has been assessed with regard to its impact on equality. As a result of this assessment the policy has been graded as having a low potential impact.

4.3.2 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and shows the proposals in this policy would have no potential or actual differential impact on grounds of race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, transgender, disability, age, religion or belief or sexual orientation.

5.0 Consultation

5.1 The following were asked to consult on this document:

- Kent: Force Control Room
- PNC Bureau
- Investigation Management Unit
- Force Investigation Bureau

Essex

- PNC Bureau
- OPC
- IMU
- FIB
- Federation
- Equality and Diversity Co-ordinator
- Health & Safety
- Evolve
- Equality of Services Manager
- PSD Superintendent

6.0 Monitoring and Review

6.1 Changes with legislation and national guidance will influence the timeliness of any review and changes to this policy.

6.2 This policy will be monitored by the ANPR Manager and will be reviewed every three years.
7.0 Related force policies or related procedures (Essex) / linked standard operating procedures (Kent)

- S 0101 Procedure/SOP – Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)
- S 0102 Procedure/SOP – Monitoring of the ANPR Data Warehouse - JET

8.0 Other source documents, e.g. Legislation, APP, partnership agreements (if applicable)

None