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1. Question by Councillor Stephen Shing to the Lead Member for Community Services

Would the Lead Member please confirm whether the County Council has purchased any mobile Speed Indication Devices and/or hand-held laser speed guns over the past 8 years. If so please could the Lead Member provide a summary of the number of devices purchased, the expenditure incurred by the Council and the number of times these devices have been used

Answer by the Lead Member for Community Services

The County Council has purchased one Speed Indicator Device in the past 8 years (March 2015) at a cost of £2,212 ex VAT. The unit is loaned to various road safety groups (formed under the Community Safety Partnerships) who deploy the equipment on an ad-hoc basis.

The SID is used predominantly for training purposes and has been loaned out to Parish/local community groups 6 times since it was purchased. The use of SIDs has declined with the rise in Community Speed Watch and the public wishing to report antisocial driving through Operation Crackdown rather than educate using SID. The unit remains a tool for the community to use should they wish to take this approach and a number of communities/Parish Councils have invested in their own SID following training and site risk assessments.

The County Council has not purchased any hand-held laser speed guns over the past 8 years.