

Work Package 5 – Deliverable 4

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- The London Metropolitan Police Authority (Met Police) do not have a formal Certification process for vehicles used in their fleet service
- All vehicles though are taken through a set of test procedures to validate performance, ride and drive and safety features against a manufacturers stated vehicle specifications
- These test procedures differ widely as to whether the vehicle is expected to perform ‘front – line’ service (pursuit and other routine policing duties) or whether they are ‘support’ vehicles (transfer of personnel and documents between stations and depots, etc.)
- The FC Burgman scooters were only proposed for use by Met Police as support vehicles

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- The FC Burgman scooters were presented to the Met Police (and 2 other Police forces) at the Millbrook Proving Ground (one of the UK's specialist test tracks) on February 18th 2011 for assessment using the Millbrook 'City Circuit' test area and treating the FC Burgman scooters as support vehicles
- The test procedures that took place at that time were in advance of the FC Burgman scooters achieving full EWVTA certification (which was granted in March 2011)
- As such, the Met Police acknowledged the potential use of the FC Burgman scooters, with EWVTA certification in place, and solely on the basis they would act as support vehicles; they would also be subject to the provision of additional fittings to the scooters to include panniers, additional lights and high visibility markings in common with all Met Police scooters

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- The Met Police were subsequently provided with details of the EWVTA certification and the next steps were accepted to be covered in discussions on potential use of the FC Burgman scooters for the Olympics and for a further test of a vehicle with panniers, additional lights and high visibility markings in place
- Those discussions were in put in abeyance in late 2011 when the Met Police considered that the work load they were faced with in order to complete pre-Olympics security related arrangements would mean a delay of any follow up discussions on vehicle use until late 2012
- With the reduction in the number of FC Burgman scooters available it is no longer an option to provide vehicles for formal Met Police work and demonstration alongside Met Police duty cycles or similar arrangements are now the focus of arrangements

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- Deliverable may require redefinition associated with Suzuki deployment and operating plans for scooters in London
- A revised plan will be drafted and communicated by the end of October 2013