

## **CCTV**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The Communities Scrutiny Board has requested information and an update on 3 areas of CCTV in the city:
- City Centre CCTV provision and current effectiveness
  - Linking council CCTV to Police control rooms
  - Council mobile CCTV provision

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 To make any recommendations.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 CCTV plays an important role in keeping the city safe, gathering evidence, deterring crime and re-assuring the public.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 **City Centre CCTV:**  
The CCTV system in the city centre includes 40 fixed cameras, infrastructure and a control room (located in the Council House). The system has recently been subject to an audit and a range of improvements have been made to improve its effectiveness. This includes technical improvements, moving away from a WIFI based system to fibre based one, improving connectivity, repairing and replacing cameras and improving and speeding up the maintenance of the system. The city centre CCTV system is now fully operational. Monitoring of the system routinely takes place on Friday and Saturday nights (usually between 9pm and 4am). Monitoring is also put in place when there are times of increased footfall in the city centre and potential

increases in crime, such as bank holidays and football matches.

The council has an annual budget of £130k to monitor, maintain and improve the CCTV system.

The city centre CCTV system provides an invaluable role in ensuring that Derby's city centre stays as safe as possible. The monitoring of CCTV is the hub of a wheel, providing intelligence and co-ordination for all the other partners and services that operate in the city centre during the night-time economy. These include the police, Council licencing, taxi-marshals, street pastors and door staff, who all work together and co-ordinate what they do.

This work was recognised last year by Derby receiving Purple Flag status for its city centre and an award from the Association of Town Centre Management for the City's effectiveness at managing the night-time economy.

#### **4.2 Sharing CCTV images with the Police:**

To improve the effectiveness of CCTV and fully utilise the investment the Council makes, the police, at both local and regional levels, have requested that the CCTV system is made available in the control rooms at St Marys Wharf and Ripley HQ. This is not for active monitoring purpose, but for critical incident responses and in response to incidents of crime. This will enable the police control room to increase its effectiveness in dealing with serious incidents. This facility already exists with the CCTV systems in Chesterfield and Ripley.

The council and police are working together to provide this link. The infrastructure is ready to be put in place and both partners are currently working on the legal and governance issues in relation to sharing of information and intelligence, which are governed by strict legislation and guidance from Government. It is planned to have the links in place within the next 2-3 months.

#### **4.3 Mobile CCTV:**

For a number of years the Council have operated mobile CCTV cameras. These cameras have been used to provide re-assurance, detect crime and gather evidence. Unlike the fixed cameras in the city centre and in other parts of the city, the use of mobile cameras is subject to more regulation and legislation, as they are targeted at particular locations and potentially targeted at individuals and groups. Recent changes in the law and guidance from Government has resulted in it being impossible for the council to utilise the mobile CCTV and remain compliant with data protection and Human Rights legislation. The police, however have specific statutory responsibilities and primary function in relation crime (unlike the powers available to the Council).

Therefore the Council and Police have worked together to solve this issue. This has resulted in the Council 'gifting' the CCTV equipment to the Police to enable and ensure it is fully utilised and targeted effectively in locations that are experiencing crime and Asb. An agreement has been reached that the Council will continue to have access to the CCTV and contribute intelligence in their deployment. On-going costs associated with maintenance, IT and installation are being managed by the Police. This agreement includes 18 external CCTV cameras and 6 internal.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 City Centre CCTV is a valuable tool in keeping the city centre safe and to co-ordinate partnership working. Without CCTV crime could raise and fear of crime would raise.
- 5.2 Not providing a link from the Council's CCTV control room to the police would not enable the Police to effectively deal with potential serious incidents in the city centre.
- 5.3 Under current legislation and guidance the Council cannot effectively utilise this resource, without this agreement the resources would become redundant.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 Enabling the transfer of mobile CCTV ensures the Council's resources are used effectively

**Legal**

- 2.1 To ensure the council is compliant with relevant legislation

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None

**IT**

- 4.1 None

**Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 None

**Health and Safety**

- 6.1 None

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 None

**Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None

**Risk Management and Safeguarding**

- 9.1 None

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

10.1