

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	5 TH NOVEMBER 2019	8
UPDATE ON THE CONDITION OF THE MOBILE CCTV VEHICLES			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to update members on the condition of the 2 CCTV vehicles operating in the Fylde.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Committee considers the report and supports the rationalisation of the 2 CCTV vehicles to one in order to provide a viable service in 2020/21.
- 2) That Officers are requested to investigate the costs of replacement CCTV vehicles with a view to submitting a future capital bid in 2021/22 and exploring other funding opportunities in the meantime

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

[Environment, Health and Housing Committee 20th June 2017](#)

Following consideration of a report to Committee on the result of a Working Group to consider CCTV, the Committee RESOLVED;

1. That consideration is given to ceasing the purchase and support of Rapid Deployment Cameras and the capital budget be used to support the provision of the existing CCTV maintained system;
2. That the feasibility of extending the current maintained system is explored to include locations where rapid deployment cameras have previously been deployed;
3. That continued support is provided to the maintenance of equipment in the CCTV vans but any subsequent replacement of the actual CCTV vehicles be dealt through Capital or Funding Bids, rather than the existing budget provision; and
4. To adopt the proposed policy regarding the use of Body Worn Cameras.

Environment, Health and Housing Committee 1st November 2016

A report sought the approval of members to undertake a review of the use of rapid deployment CCTV cameras in the Fylde. The review was to be undertaken by a Working Group set up with representation from the Environment, Health and Housing Committee.

It was RESOLVED:

1. That the Committee notes the report and acknowledges the need for a review of the use and replacement of rapid deployment cameras and endorses the production of a report with recommendations for their future replacement and use.
2. That the Committee appoints Councillors Ben Aitken, Viv Willder, Delma Collins and Louis Rigby to a CCTV Working Group to visit the CCTV suite at Wyre Council and work with officers on the production of the above report.
3. That the report and recommendations of the Working Group, be reported back to Committee upon

conclusion for due consideration.

Following a report to the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee 22nd January 2015 resolved to recommend to Cabinet

1. To note the current position with regard to the management and monitoring of the Rapid Deployment and the fixed CCTV cameras in Fylde Borough.
2. To approve the option of adding the three Lytham Town centre cameras to the existing monitored system (as outlined in the report) to be delivered through the Wyre BC and Fylde BC CCTV monitoring partnership, funded from the approved Capital programme at an estimated cost of £11,185

Community Focus Scrutiny Committee – 22 January 2015

1. To approve a fully funded budget increase of £2,151 to the CCTV replacement scheme within the approved Capital programme and that this increase be met for the additional LSP final balance.
2. As a consequence of the high risk to the existing downloading facility (outlined in paragraph 7 of the report) no further maintenance or renewal works be undertaken to other existing rapid deployment cameras, (as listed in Appendix 1 of the report) and they be decommissioned where such works are required
3. To approve the continuation of the existing maintenance work for the existing CCTV vans, where such works are a Fylde BC responsibility, whilst Cabinet subsequently resolved to approve the recommendations made by the Community Focus Scrutiny Committee subject to:
 - Replace recommendation 1(4) on the Future of CCTV in Fylde with “To seek a further report to cabinet on the implications on the capital budget provision of the proposed conversion of the Lytham cameras, to the monitored system delivered through Wyre council, with a view to this funding being set aside in an earmarked reserve for CCTV. The long term use of this to be considered further in 2017 when the police are able to give the council a commitment to monitoring the cameras post 2017, or otherwise. In the meantime if any of the current camera locations fail, they can be considered on a case by case basis, based on a proven need being demonstrated through an impact assessment”

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

1. At a meeting of the Committee on the 20th June 2017, Members considered a report from a Working Group regarding the provision of CCTV and resolved:

That consideration is given to ceasing the purchase and support of Rapid Deployment Cameras and the capital budget be used to support the provision of the existing CCTV maintained system;

That the feasibility of extending the current maintained system is explored to include locations where rapid deployment cameras have previously been deployed;

That continued support is provided to the maintenance of equipment in the CCTV vans but any subsequent replacement of the actual CCTV vehicles be dealt through Capital or Funding Bids, rather than the existing budget provision; and

To adopt the proposed policy regarding the use of Body Worn Cameras.

2. Members should note that when considering CCTV, the Authority must have regard to the [Surveillance Camera Code of Practice](#) issued by the [Surveillance Camera Commissioner](#) and the 12 guiding principles to the code including requirements that the use of a system is consistent with a legitimate aim and a pressing need, that the system takes into account the effect of the CCTV on individuals and their privacy and that the

purpose of the system is justifiable. This [guidance](#) provides further information about how local authorities should comply with the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice.

3. There is no legal requirement upon the Council to provide CCTV but the purpose of CCTV in Fylde is to:-

Assist in reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Help to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour

Assist in the prosecution of offenders.

4. During the meeting an update was provided regarding CCTV in the Borough and the Committee noted the maintained, monitored system, the use of rapid deployment cameras and the provision of the CCTV vans
5. Fylde Council's Community Safety Partnership has previously purchased 2 CCTV vans and transferred ownership to the Police. The current arrangement for the CCTV vans is that Lancashire Constabulary support the maintenance and servicing of the vehicles whilst Fylde Council service and maintain the equipment (having originally purchased the vehicle). Any decision regarding the operational age of the vehicles and their withdrawal from service would be for the Constabulary.
6. During the discussions as part of the Working Groups, the Police commented that:
 - ASB (anti-social behaviour) generally moves from area to area. CCTV vans have proved to be a good visual tool to disperse and deter pockets of low level ASB.
 - No means of measuring / evidencing the reassurance CCTV provides or how much crime has been prevented due to the CCTV.
 - CCTV footage is rarely used as key evidence but is a good source of supporting evidence.
 - CCTV vans are used at events such as Club Days as a good means of preventing larger scale issues arising.
 - Statically ASB figures higher in town centres as opposed to rural areas.
 - The ideal scenario would be to invest in CCTV vans over the rapid deployment cameras but, bearing in mind the limited budget available, the priorities for the police would be to invest in more monitored cameras.
7. The vehicles are now 10 years old and recent inspections have revealed that the St Annes vehicle is in poor condition mechanically to the point that the Police's vehicle maintenance unit consider whether the vehicle is economically viable to repair. However, the CCTV equipment in the vehicle is, at this time, fully operational and functional.
8. The opposite to be said for the Kirkham vehicle which is currently mechanically sound but the CCTV equipment is requiring repair. The estimated cost of vehicle repairs is £2k and CCTV repairs £7k +vat
9. Taking into account the previous resolution of the Committee to continue to support the maintenance of CCTV in the vans, at this point it may be prudent to rationalise the two vehicles to one to ensure a continued mobile CCTV presence. The works would be done by Blackpool Council CCTV who currently maintain the equipment at an hourly rate and the cost would be borne through existing budgets.
10. Should the Committee approve this option, it is fair to assume that with this equipment starting to require increasing maintenance, it will only be a matter of time before the remaining vehicle/equipment requires replacing. As such, with the approval of the Committee Officers intend to obtain quotations for replacement CCTV vehicles with a consideration to submitting a capital bid in 2021/22 whilst also exploring any funding opportunities to assist in any such purchase. It is believed that the rationalisation of the vehicles will provide a solution for at least the 2020/21 financial year.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	The cost of moving the equipment between vehicles will be borne by existing budgets. Enquires will be made into the possibility of funding opportunities or the submission of a capital bid in 2020 to fund any new vehicle and equipment.
Legal	As highlighted within the report
Community Safety	As highlighted within the report

Human Rights and Equalities	As highlighted within the report
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	No implications arising from the report
Health & Safety and Risk Management	No implications arising from the report

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Home Office Surveillance Camera Code of Practice	June 2013	https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/282774/SurveillanceCameraCodePractice.pdf