

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 6 JUNE 2017

CCTV

1. Background

This report provides information with regard to current proposals for upgrading the council's public CCTV in a collaborative project with Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils and Police Scotland.

2. Current Situation

Members will be aware that there are 51 public space CCTV cameras across Angus in our Burgh towns. The cameras infrastructure was installed some time ago and whilst it has serviced the authority well it is in need of updating and asset renewal from the existing analogue equipment.

Cameras are currently monitored by Police Scotland in Forfar or Dundee, and the monitoring equipment in Forfar is now dated cathode ray monitors, although the recording equipment has been updated from the previous VHS tape recorder.

Similarly in Dundee and Perth which have 87 and 35 public space cameras respectively there is a need to upgrade, and the cities' have benefited from Smart City European Regional Development Funding

3. CCTV Upgrade

The opportunity of a collaborative approach across the three councils in conjunction with Police Scotland has examined the options of combining all three council and police services into a central service in Dundee whilst retaining the ability to monitor cameras locally if required. This system has the ability to take advantage of the latest technology in terms of digital cameras and interpretation software which enables faster responses to situations such as missing persons.

Through Tayside Procurement Consortium a request for supplier information for the supply, delivery installation and maintenance of a public space CCTV system has been issued and a supplier information event held on 11 May 2017 which will in due course allow a specification for the CCTV system serving Tayside to be drafted for procurement.

As part of this process the council will look at the opportunity of expanding the appropriate use of CCTV for assisting in its service delivery such as traffic and parking management.

4. Funding Implications

A funding bid for investment in CCTV was agreed as part of the budget process for 2017/18 and as the procurement process progresses there may be the opportunity to reduce the annual maintenance cost of the CCTV infrastructure by the use of upgraded technology where appropriate such as Wifi enabled cameras rather than hardwired systems.

The procurement of the service is within the Head of Technical & Property Services delegated authority.

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