

Bolsover District Council

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CCTV Monitoring Trial

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To seek approval from Council for the implementation of a central corporate CCTV monitoring suite (and associated budget) including the installation of CCTV cameras at the Council's six Independent Living Schemes, for a trial 12 month period (to be reviewed).

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Bolsover District Council is committed and heavily invested in ensuring that our communities are kept safe and secure for residents, business and visitors.
- 1.2 Unfortunately, over the recent years the District has suffered from a number of high profile crime incidents and an increase in anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in extra security measures being implemented, for example added reassurance patrols by Council officers in the affected areas and the use of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO).
- 1.3 In addition over the past twelve to eighteen months, nationally, there have been some high profile crimes where victims have been attacked, in easily accessible public locations. These locations should be safe for everyone to use freely without fear of being a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour. As a result of this there has been a drive from Government to create a safe environment for communities especially with reference to public open spaces.

- 1.4 The Council's Community Safety Team and Anti-Social Behaviour Team have been working together to consider how we address Community Safety and Crime Prevention across the District.
- 1.5 The Council continues to work efficiently and effectively with key statutory partners and stakeholders in addressing crime and disorder despite the challenges in recent years. However, the need to provide further reassurance that the Council is using all tools available to reduce the risk of being a victim of crime and anti-social behaviour is paramount.
- 1.6 Since the introduction of CCTV systems many years ago, technology has changed and massive advances have been made in both fixed permanent CCTV and re-deployable cameras including ease of installation, remote access, clarity of footage and its use in numerous fields of community safety, prevention and enforcement activities across a large number of agencies.
- 1.7 As a result of the increased public use of CCTV systems, further legislation has been created and the need to adhere and comply with the law relating to the use of Closed Circuit Television and the use of video surveillance to record and use personal DATA must be accounted for via the appropriate training and approval from the appropriate authorities. Further information in relation to this can be found at **Appendix 1**.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The proposal is to purchase and introduce extra security provision across the District that will increase crime prevention reassurance to the public.
- 2.2 A central corporate CCTV monitoring suite will be installed and located at the Riverside Depot, Doe Lea. The CCTV control room will initially monitor three permanent CCTV cameras, six cameras located at the Independent Living Schemes, and six re-deployable cameras across the District. The locations of these deployable cameras will be determined by analysis of relevant crime data and a full community safety review across the District to determine crime and anti-social behaviour hotspots.
- 2.3 Parish and Town Councils will be invited to subscribe into the CCTV monitoring suite service and it is anticipated the technology will enable existing Parish and Town Council cameras to be linked in and monitored. Any Parish and Town Councils wishing to set up new CCTV systems will be provided with support to ensure compatibility for monitoring.
- 2.4 The control room will be staffed appropriately by a trained officer to monitor the cameras. In addition, members of the Council's Enforcement Team will have access to the system by the use of Wi-Fi technology available via a number of approved computer tablets.
- 2.5 The trial will include a full review in order to assess its impact and ongoing sustainability. Income from Parish and Town Councils will assist in securing the future of the monitoring suite. Bids for additional funding will be submitted including the Safer Streets Fund (if available) and Police and Crime Commissioner funding opportunities as they arise.

- 2.6 The initial 12 month trial costs are estimated as outlined in the table below. This can be funded through the Council's ICT Reserve and will not impact on general fund revenue budgets.

Project Costs

Deliverable	Estimated Cost
• CCTV Monitoring Suite	£30,000
• 3 x Fixed Cameras	£15,000
• 6 x CCTV Re-deployable Cameras (plus deployment cost)	£30,000
• Tablets	£2,000
• Independent Living CCTV camera's and Maintenance Contract	£30,000
• Staff costs for 12 month trial	£55,000
• Training / Set Up Costs	£8,000
• Compliance with ICO Code of Practice including accreditation	£10,000
• Contingency Costs	£20,000
• Total	£200,000

- 2.7 Following approval of the budget outlined above, work will commence immediately to procure the equipment, carry out the required adaptations to the room, recruit to staff and manage the process for the appropriate training, policies, procedures and accreditation to be in place.
- 2.8 Any ongoing budget requirements following the 12 month trial will be subject to a further report to Council.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 This proposal meets local needs and increases the community safety provision across the District.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 To not approve the budget would increase the possibility of residents, business and visitors to the District of becoming fearful of being a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the council approve a budget totalling £200,000 to be funded from the ICT Reserve to purchase equipment and services to achieve the aims and objectives of the corporate CCTV Monitoring Scheme.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

The initial 12 month trial costs of £0.200m as estimated, can be met from the ICT reserve. Any further ongoing costs would be a cost to the general fund and subject to a new Council report.

The main risk to the Council is that after the trial the required adaptations and equipment purchased are no longer used if the scheme is not continued.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

Legal implications are contained within this report

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

Council policies and procedures will be followed for any recruitment to staff required.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	Bolsover Districts
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: Relevant officers, Cabinet Members, Leader and Deputy Leader have been consulted on this proposal</p>

Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment

Sustainable Community Strategy 2020 -2023

A Safer Better Community

Priority – Reducing and Managing Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime, Prevent Terrorism, Reducing and Preventing Acquisitive Crime. Building Confident and Cohesive Communities.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	Surveillance Camera Code of Practice – A Guide for Councillors

Background Papers

(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive you must provide copies of the background papers)

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