

<b>Report To:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY PANEL B</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 NOVEMBER 2017</b>
<b>Heading:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY REVIEW OF CCTV - UPDATE</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	<b>SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES</b>		
<b>Ward/s:</b>	<b>ALL</b>		
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>NO</b>		
<b>Subject to Call-In:</b>	<b>NO</b>		

### **Purpose Of Report**

At the last meeting of the Panel, Members agreed the scope and terms of reference to a new Scrutiny Review of CCTV. This is attached as Appendix A. This report provides an update on the review progress.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- Note the information contained in this report
- Identify any further information required to carry out the review

### **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

CCTV was added to the Scrutiny Workplan in September 2017.

### **Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)**

No alternative options considered yet, any considerations following the review will be detailed to a report to Cabinet in due course.

### **Detailed Information**

At the last meeting of the Panel held on 18 October 2017, Members were introduced to the Community Protection Manager who outlined the Council's current CCTV coverage, which was delivered as part of a collaborative arrangement with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Broxtowe Borough Council.

There are 29 wireless CCTV cameras across the 3 town centres and other key locations. In addition there are 2 cameras that can be moved to hot spot locations. The cameras are monitored 24 hours each and every day at a state of the art control room sited within Nottinghamshire Police headquarters.

As part of the review information gathering, Members requested a visit to the control room, however the launch has been delayed therefore a suitable date is still being considered for a future site visit. Members will be updated on this in due course.

## **Policing and Community Safety**

CCTV can make a very positive contribution to tackling crime and improving community safety and this was recognised in the funding made available to councils and communities in the early 2000's by the then Government. Despite the lack of current funding, the benefits are still being realised in reassuring the public's perception of community safety, deterring anti-social behaviour and in the deterrence and investigation of crime.

The Community Protection Manager informed the Panel at the last meeting that the most recent figures in relation to surveillance from the Council's cameras indicated that there had been 142 viewings with 29 arrests as a result. There had also been 37 occasions whereby evidence provided from CCTV footage had been used in prosecution cases.

## **National Strategy**

At the last meeting, The Community Protection Manager advised that a CCTV Strategy for England and Wales had been published to endeavour to address the gap between current national CCTV provision and what should be in place. The document would assist with the co-ordination of local authority provision of CCTV and raise regulatory standards regarding the surveillance of public spaces.

The National Surveillance Camera Strategy for England and Wales was launched in March 2017 to help keep people safe in public places and respect their right to privacy.

This strategy aims to provide direction and leadership to local authorities to enable system operators to understand good and best practice and legal obligations (such as those contained within the Protection of Freedoms Act, Data Protection Act and Private Security Industry Act).

Furthermore, it aims to ensure the public are assured that any use of surveillance camera systems in a public place helps to protect and keep them safe, while respecting the individual's right to privacy. That assurance is based upon deployment which is proportionate to a legitimate purpose, and transparency which demonstrates compliance with best and good practice and relevant legal obligations.

The strategy aligns closely to the Home Office responsibilities to keep the UK safe from the threat of terrorism and to reduce and prevent crime and ensure people feel safe in their homes and communities. A copy of the Strategy can be found [here](#).

## **Licensing**

A response from Licensing regarding CCTV requirements for night time economies such as pubs will be provided at the meeting.

## **Commercialisation Opportunities**

At the last meeting of the Panel Members discussed whether there were any opportunities to make the CCTV System more commercial via offering local businesses the opportunity to use the system. Members were informed that the CCTV provision in Ashfield was part of a collaborative arrangement with Newark and Sherwood District Council and Broxtowe Borough

Council. Nottinghamshire Police were also a stakeholder and had direct access to the images as required.

A company called Profile Security currently undertook the monitoring and storage of the CCTV images and provided the stakeholders with regular performance and operational data as necessary. Ashfield District Council currently pay a proportional contribution to the agreement of 17%, therefore any commercialisation opportunities would have to be explored as part of a collaborative approach within the partnership.

## **Next Steps**

In progressing this review, Members of the Panel should consider;

- Potential questions for a future discussion with a representative from Newark and Sherwood District Council to enable Members to gain an understanding of the activities undertaken in the development of their CCTV commercialism plan.
- A site visit be facilitated to enable Panel Members to view the new CCTV control room at the Police Headquarters, Sherwood Lodge, Hucknall. This will be arranged once the official launch has taken place (date to be confirmed).
- Consideration of Performance statistics, research & benchmarking;
- Consider any public feedback required.

## **Implications**

### **Corporate Plan:**

Communities and Environment;

- Ensure the foundations for a good quality of life are in place; reducing crime and anti-social behaviour and facilitating cleaner and more attractive neighbourhoods
- Work with our partners to ensure we deliver services centred on the needs of people and places, rather than existing teams, agencies or institutions

### **Legal:**

In addition to Council policies, procedures, guidelines and Codes of Practice, CCTV and its operation are subject to legislation under:

- Government codes of practice.
- The Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA).
- The Human Rights Act 1998 (HRA).
- The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).
- The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).
- The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

### **Finance:**

There are no financial implications arising from this report at this stage of the review, should any be identified during the course of this Scrutiny Review, appropriate advice will be sought from Finance.

<b>Budget Area</b>	<b>Implication</b>
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General Fund – Revenue Budget	N/A
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

**Risk:**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Mitigation</b>
There have been no risks yet identified at this stage of the review, any risks identified will be appropriately considered with consideration given to mitigation actions.	None yet identified.

**Human Resources:**

There are no HR implications identified in this report, any considerations will give attention to HR and seek appropriate advice.

**Equalities**

Consideration of this topic will take into account any equalities issues resulting from the research, findings and subsequent recommendations.

**Other Implications:**

None identified at this stage of the review.

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## Appendix A – Terms of Reference

<b>Subject</b>	<b>CCTV</b>
<b>Purpose of Review</b>	The purpose of the review is to gain an understanding of CCTV, how it contributes to the Council's Corporate Priorities and consider the impact they have within the Community.
<b>What the Review will Consider</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Performance</li><li>• Impact</li><li>• Community Perception</li><li>• Best Practice</li></ul>
<b>Methodology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information gathering</li><li>• Officer expertise</li><li>• Performance Information</li><li>• Site visit</li></ul>
<b>Desired Outcome</b>	To gain a greater understanding of the impact that CCTV has in; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reducing crime;</li><li>• investigation and successful prosecution of criminal activity;</li><li>• increasing community perceptions and confidence in Ashfield in relation to safety.</li></ul>
<b>Timescale</b>	October – January 2018