
Report To: Education & Communities Committee **Date:** 17th January 2017

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Subject: Public Space CCTV Provision - Update

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the outcome of a remit from the Inverclyde Council meeting in September regarding the continued operation of public space CCTV by Inverclyde Council.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Policy & Resources Committee on 20th Sept 2016, following consideration of a report on Public Space CCTV Provision decided :-

(1) that agreement be given to the investment of up to £321,000 funded via Prudential Borrowing to fund the replacement costs of the public space CCTV system and that tenders be invited for the design and build of the system;

(2) that a further report on the tender options be submitted to the Committee for approval; and

(3) that the Chief Executive make a formal approach to Police Scotland seeking funding for the ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the system.

- 2.2 At the Inverclyde Council meeting on 29th Sept 2016 the following was decided in respect of the Policy & Resources Committee of 20 September 2016 :-

(1) to agree in relation to paragraph 543 (Public Space CCTV Provision), that a report on tender options is not required; and

(2) to agree in relation to decision 3 of paragraph 543, that a report be made to the Education & Communities Committee on the outcome of the formal approach to Police Scotland for funding for the ongoing maintenance and monitoring of the CCTV system

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- 2.3 Police Scotland were again contacted and requested to provide funding support for the ongoing maintenance and monitoring costs for the Inverclyde Public Space CCTV System. The response from an Assistant Chief Constable is appended to this report. We are advised that Police Scotland, Scottish Government and COSLA plan to set up a working group to consider the funding issues with Public Space CCTV in Scotland and that funding for CCTV contracts is currently under negotiation by Police Scotland and funding for next year for this Council's System, if any, is still to be agreed.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee.

1. Note that there is no commitment of new, current or future funding for CCTV provision in Inverclyde from Police Scotland.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Council operates an ageing network of 49 Public Space cameras distributed throughout Inverclyde but concentrated in town centres. The network was originally funded through ring-fenced community safety funds and was expanded over a number of years as funds became available. The system needs to be replaced due to equipment condition and increasing fibre network charges.

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5.0 UPDATE

5.1 The Chief Executive wrote to the Chief Constable on 3rd October 2016 to ask that Police Scotland consider taking on the full revenue cost of monitoring and maintaining the Public Space CCTV service (c£200,000 per annum), or at the very least making a substantial contribution to that cost, from 1st April 2018. The response from Police Scotland is in the appendix to this report

Appendix

5.2 We are advised that Police Scotland, the Scottish Government and COSLA plan to set up a working group to consider the funding issues with Public Space CCTV in Scotland, also that funding for CCTV contracts is currently under negotiation by Police Scotland and funding for next year for this Council's System, if any, is still to be agreed.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

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Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 None

Human Resources

6.3 None

Equalities

6.4 None.

Repopulation

6.5 None.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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21 October 2016
 Your Ref: ACCLPW-CC2065.16
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Dear Mr Fawcett

Funding of Public Space CCTV in Inverclyde

I refer to your letter dated 3 October 2016 to Chief Constable Phil Gormley QPM.

Following consultation with our national policy lead for CCTV, I can advise you as follows:

Approximately fifteen years ago legacy Strathclyde Police made the decision to allocate funds (£600,000) to support local council CCTV. The allocation was calculated by population size with a caveat that no local authority would receive less than £30,000. As there has been no interim review of this allocation formula, Inverclyde Council therefore receive £30,000.

My understanding is that Inverclyde's running costs for CCTV is currently £186,000 per annum and Police Scotland's contribution amounts to approximately 16% of this total cost. There is some significant disparity across the country in relation to funding for CCTV e.g. Edinburgh City Council receives no funding whereas Aberdeen City Council is fully funded by Police Scotland at over £400,000 per year.

I am aware that several Local Authorities have raised this inconsistent funding issue with Police Scotland, the Scottish Government and also COSLA. As a result a working group will be established, inviting staff from the Scottish Government, Police Scotland and COSLA.

The funding for CCTV contracts is currently under negotiation and I am not in a position to confirm what contribution, if any, Police Scotland will provide to local authorities for the next financial year.

I hope this is of assistance for you.

Yours sincerely

Mark Williams
 Assistant Chief Constable
 Local Policing West

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