

CARLISLE
CITY COUNCIL



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA: COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Date of Meeting: 19th December 2002

Public

Key Decision: Yes

Recorded in Forward Plan: No

Inside Policy Framework

Title: CCTV REVENUE COSTS
Report of: HEAD OF COMMERCIAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES
Report reference: CTS 003/02 (Supplement to report EN 133/02)

Summary:

The Council has been made a conditional award of capital funding from the Home Office to fund five additional CCTV cameras. This report provides brief details and outlines the associated revenue costs.

Recommendations:

It is **RECOMMENDED** that:

The capital funding grant of £125,000 be accepted and the Council agree to underwrite the associated revenue costs.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: EN 133/02

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 In early 2001 the Council submitted a bid to the Home Office for five CCTV cameras to be located in neighbourhood shopping parades which were considered to be key hotspots by the Crime and Disorder Partnership. Notification was subsequently received that this bid had been unsuccessful.
- 1.2 As one of the Quality of Life (CO2) objective priorities for 2002/3 within the corporate plan the application was scheduled to be re-submitted to the Home Office by December 2002. In recent weeks the Council has been contacted by the Home Office to advise that, in view of the Council's excellent delivery record and underspends in the national programme, £125,000 of capital grant could be available. The Council has only recently been advised that this allocation has been verified and will be progressed through the Crime and Disorder Partnership.
- 1.3 This successful award is to be greatly welcomed and will enable the installation of five CCTV cameras at vulnerable locations. The capital costs will be fully met by the Home Office, and as the original bid defined subsequent revenue cost will fall to be substantially met by the Council. These costs are:
 - (i) The increased monitoring costs are set out in detail in report EN 133/02 considered by the Executive on 20th November 2002.
 - (ii) Maintenance of cameras £6,500/annum.
 - (iii) Repairs/renewals fund contribution £6,000/annum.
 - (iv) BT transmission line rental £6,500/annum.
 - (v) Control Room cost, tapes, miscellaneous items, £1,000/annum.
- 1.4 The timescale for accepting the Home Office grant and installation of the equipment is extremely short as the conditional award is subject to substantial completion by the end of the financial year. To accept the grant and enable the conditions to be met the Council will need to underwrite the revenue costs.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Consultation to Date. Community Safety Co-ordinator, Police, various community groups.
- 2.2 Consultation proposed. Crime and Disorder Partnership.

3. STAFFING/RESOURCES COMMENTS

Increased monitoring requirements will result in additional part time employees being appointed.

4. HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMENTS

This report will need to be considered as part of the 2003/04 budget process.

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

N/A

6. CORPORATE COMMENTS

N/A

7. RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

The installation and effective monitoring of the additional CCTV cameras will have a beneficial impact on crime/antisocial behaviour and the perception of these in the relevant areas. The undertaking of the construction/installation works carries some risks, but these are similar to those successfully managed on several schemes undertaken in previous years.

8. EQUALITY ISSUES

N/A

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Addressed through the statutory planning approval process.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The completion of this project will make a major contribution to the key objective in the Corporate Plan, to reduce crime and the fear of crime within our communities.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

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