



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

PORTFOLIO AREA: INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT

Date of Meeting: 3rd October 2005

Public

Key Decision: No

Recorded in Forward Plan:

Yes

Inside/Outside Policy Framework

Title: PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF DOWBECK ROAD
Report of: THE HEAD OF COMMERCIAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES
Report reference: CTS 32/05

Summary: A petition has been received from residents of Dowbeck Road asking the Council to address ongoing problems of anti-social behaviour on Dowbeck Road.

The residents request the installation of CCTV to help monitor and eliminate problems of youths on motorbikes, burning of cars and caravans and general anti-social behaviour.

Recommendations:

- a) It is recommended that the CDRP, CCTV Sub Group assess the request for CCTV and inform petitioners of the results of the assessment.
- b) It is recommended that the Community /Safety Development Officer be requested to consider what other actions may be appropriate to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour.

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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: None

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

1.1 Introduction

A petition has been received from residents of Dowbeck Road asking the Council to address ongoing problems of anti-social behaviour on Dowbeck Road.

The residents request the installation of CCTV to help monitor and eliminate problems of youths on motorbikes, burning of cars and caravans and general anti-social behaviour.

1.2 Recent press reports have also highlighted the problems occurring on Dowbeck Road and in the surrounding area. Discussions have taken place with the Community Safety Development Officer and the Abandoned Vehicle co-ordinator to gather background information on this area and any issues, which they have been asked to deal with.

1.3 With regard to Abandoned Vehicles the Council has been requested to deal with 5 vehicles in the last year as detailed below. It has only been necessary for the Council to remove 2 of these vehicles.

| Ref No | Date of Incident | Make/Model | Condition | Conclusion |
|--------|------------------|--------------|-----------|---|
| 18143 | 24/09/2004 | Ford Sierra | OK | Vehicle not present on expiry of Notice |
| 18401 | 21/03/205 | Panel Van | OK | Vehicle not present on initial inspection |
| 18465 | 11/05/2005 | Motorbike | Burnt Out | Vehicle not present on expiry of Notice |
| 18545 | 21/07/2005 | Caravan | Burnt Out | Vehicle removed by Contractor |
| 18611 | 06/09/2005 | Ford Scorpio | OK | Vehicle removed by Contractor |

1.4 With regard to other incidents of anti-social behaviour the Community Safety Development Officer is at present gathering information on incidents in the area which will be used to advise on future actions to address the problems.

1.5 Installation of CCTV

The cost of a CCTV camera is approximately £25,000 fully installed plus annual revenue costs of £6,000. This is a considerable investment to make and in order to ensure that money is allocated only to appropriate schemes a procedure has been agreed for assessing all such requests for CCTV. The CCTV Sub Group of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) will assess all requests against agreed criteria and allocate points against the various criteria. It is proposed that this request be forwarded to the CCTV Sub Group which is due to meet later this month. The petitioners will be informed of the outcome of this assessment together with details of any other actions, which are considered appropriate to deal with the incidents of anti-social behaviour, as identified by the Community Safety Development Officer. The installation of CCTV is only one of many ways of dealing with incidents of anti-social behaviour, others include increased Police Patrols, other security measures, education / advice.

2. **CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 Consultation to Date – Initial consultation has taken place with the Community Safety Development Officer to establish the extent of problems in Dowbeck Road.
- 2.2 Consultation proposed – It is proposed to consult further with the CDRP CCTV Sub Group to establish how this location scores with regard to the various criteria for assessing CCTV applications.

3. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- c) It is recommended that the CDRP, CCTV Sub Group assess the request for CCTV and inform petitioners of the results of the assessment.
- d) It is recommended that the Community /Safety Development Officer be requested to consider what other actions may be appropriate to deal with incidents of anti-social behaviour.

4. **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

It has been agreed that all requests for new CCTV installations would be assessed against the criteria established by the CDRP, CCTV Sub Group.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- Staffing/Resources – There are no staffing implications at this stage.
- Financial – No financial provision has been made for the provision of operation of new CCTV cameras.
- Legal – Non in the context of this report.
- Corporate – The proposed actions will support Council Priorities SA1, SA3.
- Risk Management – Not relevant in the context of this report.
- Equality Issues – Non in the context of this report.
- Environmental – Any reductions in anti-social behaviour will improve the general environment in the area.
- Crime and Disorder – The proposed actions will establish whether Dowbeck Road meets the relevant criteria for installing CCTV.