

Report to Executive

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 12th May 2014
 Portfolio: Environment and Transport
 Key Decision: Yes
 Within Policy and Budget Framework: No
 Public / Private: Public

Title: County Wide CCTV Contribution
 Report of: The Director of Local Environment
 Report Number: LE 06/14

Purpose / Summary:

A report requesting the Executive to release the agreed contribution of £89,000 to the Police Commissioner’s Office for the 15 City CCTV cameras that will form part of the County Wide CCTV system.

Recommendations:

1. That the Executive agree to release £89,000 from the Capital Programme to the Police Commissioner as its contribution to setting up the County Wide CCTV network.

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| Executive: | 12 th May 2014 |
| Overview and Scrutiny: | |
| Council: | |

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The proposal from the Police Commissioner is for a Cumbria county-wide CCTV scheme composed of 54 cameras. The proposal has been developed by specialist consultants engaged by Cumbria Constabulary. The Constabulary's professional view is that the proposed number of cameras and the locations of those cameras meet the basic requirements for CCTV provision in Cumbria.

1.2 Under the proposal the Carlisle City Council area would have 15 cameras, all located in Carlisle (see appendix.1. for the initial proposed locations).

1.3 The cost allocation has been worked out as follows –

1.3.1 Overall cost for Cumbria (54 cameras) = £1 million (subject to variation when tenders are received)

1.3.2 The Commissioner is to meet 50% of this cost (£500,000). Each of the Cumbrian District and Borough Councils have agreed to meet the other 50% of the capital cost on a pro rata basis, based on the number of cameras in each council area. The overall cost for the provision of 15 cameras in Carlisle is £277,778, which equates to £138,889 each for Carlisle City Council and the Commissioner.

1.3.3 At the start of the 2013/14 financial year the Commissioner asked all six district/borough councils to bid for up to £100,000 of matched funding to tackle anti-social behaviour in their area. Carlisle still has £50,000 of that funding unallocated. That £50,000 is to be used by the City Council towards their element of the CCTV costs, which leaves the £89,000 to pay. The contribution has being budgeted for within the Council's Capital Programme.

1.4 The system should have a life of seven years. It will be possible to add additional cameras to the system at any time. However, the Commissioner would look to the Council to meet 100% of the cost of any additional cameras. The Council is liaising with the Commissioner and the company installing the WiFi into the City centre to transfer its unused CCTV assets, such as poles and brackets, to help keep costs down. The Police Commissioner expects to go out to tender in April 2014 with an intention that works should start by the end of 2014.

1.5 Monitoring of the new system will be undertaken by the Constabulary at Police Headquarters in Penrith. There would be no on-going revenue cost to the City Council.

2. PROPOSALS

The Executive agree to release £89,000 from the Capital Programme to the Police Commissioner as its part of the County Wide CCTV .

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 Consultation to Date. –

3.2 Consultation proposed. –

4. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The City Council has successfully reduced its expenditure on community CCTV. The Police were the significant users of the CCTV and it is welcomed that they have now agreed to take the lead on its provision and management. The capital contribution from the City Council assists the Police in taking on this leadership role.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

5.1 **Priority 3:** Working more effectively through partnerships

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Appendices attached to report: Environmental Health – Supporting Business Through Better Regulation.

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**

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's –

Deputy Chief Executive –

Economic Development –

Governance – The Local Government Act 2000 (Section 2) provides that the Council has the power to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of its area. The power may be used in relation or for the benefit of the whole or any part of the community or all or any persons present or resident in the Council's area. The Council is able to incur expenditure and give financial assistance of the type referred to in this report about CCTV. In exercising the power, the Council must have regard to its Community Strategy

Local Environment –

Resources – There is £89,000 within the 2014/15 Capital Programme to provide capital funding to support the Cumbria Wide CCTV Initiative, subject to further reports to the Executive prior to any expenditure being incurred. This report requests the release of the £89,000 budget provision.

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Botchergate/The Crescent

Lonsdale St/ Lowther Rd

Englishgate Plaza

Town Hall square (English St/Scotch St)

Lowther St/Warwick Rd/The Crescent

Civic Centre – Lowther Street

B&M/Lower Viaduct

Upper Viaduct

Brookside

Borland Ave

Rickergate

Bank Street/Scotch Street

Abbey Street

Portland Place

