

Plans to modernise CCTV system in Salisbury

A survey of closed-circuit television cameras (CCTV) in Salisbury City Centre has been carried out to help Wiltshire Council design a new network.

The 20-year-old system is reaching the end of its lifespan, and Wiltshire Council is looking at ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the CCTV as equipment is replaced. The city's network of CCTV cameras was inherited by the council from the former Salisbury District Council. Other CCTV networks across the county are provided and run by local town and parish councils.

The study looked at the use of modern technology to reduce the cost to the tax payer which includes using alternative means of transmitting image data to reduce the cost of running the system.

As part of this process the network would be modernised, with cameras more effectively focused on busy areas. The council is also investigating the most effective location and process for monitoring the incoming images.

The council has decided not to continue with Securitas, the CCTV monitoring and Tyco maintenance contracts.

During the transition to a new system, no CCTV cameras will be switched off. The existing system will remain at Pennyfarthing House until plans for the new system have been finalised.

The council has already met with key stakeholders such as Salisbury City Council, Salisbury BID and the Police. Meetings will also be held with both Amesbury and Wilton Town Councils in due course.

The council will continue to meet with partners throughout the process and more information, including likely timescales, will be confirmed soon.