

Report

Subject : CCTV in the Friary Estate
Report to : The Cabinet
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Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Tourism: Councillor Peter Edge

1. **Report summary:**

For Cabinet to consider allocation of a capital budget in the sum of £48,672 for the replacement and upgrade of the CCTV system installed at The Friary Estate, Salisbury.

2. **Report:**

Following extensive consultation with both the residents and the council's Housing Department, CCTV was introduced in The Friary in November 1995 when two cameras were installed. In 1999/2000, following major re-building work at the estate, the two cameras were re-located within the estate and an additional camera was installed.

The three cameras currently installed are all of the standard dome variety available at that time (nearly 8 years ago). They were not particularly vandal resistant and over the years have been subject to sporadic attack, mainly by missiles fired from catapults. It had been possible to deal with the ensuing damage through the CCTV maintenance contract. However the maintenance engineers now report that the accumulated damage, combined with cessation of support from the original manufacturers, mean that it is no longer possible to repair these cameras. All three are now non-operational.

Officers have carried out a review of the requirements for the estate and are of the opinion that there is operational justification for the continuation of a CCTV service provision.

The review also shows that two of the camera locations are still suitable but one would be more effective if slightly re-located. As part of the review consideration was given to the advantages offered by new CCTV technology, not only in respect of the cameras but also picture transmission:



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- New dome cameras are much more vandal resistant, especially models such as the Forward Vision MIC1-400 (commonly known as 'Metal Mickey'), which is machined from a solid block of aluminium and is exceptionally strong. This model is in use at the London Road Park & Ride site.
- Currently pictures are transmitted from the estate via fibre optic circuits leased from BT. It is proposed that the possibility to transmit video via wireless signals be utilised. A fully wireless enabled system would allow three BT circuits to be ceased at revenue saving of £1,500 p.a. This action not only complies with the recommendations made by Planning & Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Panel in respect of the future development of the CCTV system, but also provides a useful 'proof of concept' opportunity in respect of the future development of the CCTV system.

A quotation has been obtained from the council's preferred supplier of CCTV products, Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions, which shows that a fully wireless system utilising 'Metal Mickey' cameras and including re-location of one camera site, would cost £44,257. In addition to this Tyco recommend a 3-day site survey of Salisbury District to determine definitive wireless coverage at a cost of £4,415. The overall total package being £48,672. Of this £20,000 would be funded from the Housing Revenue Account capital programme, leaving £28,672 to be funded from the General Fund capital programme.

3. Consultation:

None

- 4. Recommendation:** That Cabinet approves a capital budget in the sum of £48,672 to enable the replacement of cameras and the upgrading of the CCTV system within the Friary estate and that the funding be split £20,000 from the Housing Revenue Account capital programme and £28,672 from the General Fund capital programme.

- 5. Background Papers:** Quotation from Tyco Fire & Integrated Solutions

6. Implications:

Financial : Currently there is no funding included within the capital programme (reported elsewhere on this agenda) for this purpose. If approved, the costs will be built into the revised capital programme.

Legal : None

Human Rights : CCTV has operated on the estate for the past 12 years, both pre and post Human Rights Act. The CCTV Code of Practice recognises such issues and provides adequate safeguards.

Personnel : None

ICT : None

Environmental : None

Council's Core Values : Working together with the police and the community to develop a better, safer district.

Wards Affected : St Martin & Milford.