

**Report to:** Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety

**Date:** 26 June 2008

**Report by:** Ray Stead, CCTV Manger

**Subject:** CCTV Capital Programme

## **1. Purpose**

1.1 To report to the Cabinet Member for Environment and Community Safety on the 2008/2009 CCTV capital programme.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Cabinet Member:

- Approve the outlined programme
- That the CCTV Manager undertake the work outlined in the report.

## **3. Background**

3.1 The Portsmouth CCTV control room is now 12 years old and has proved to be a key contributor to the corporate priority to reduce crime and the fear of crime in the city.

3.2 The equipment has aged and is in need of upgrading to accommodate new technology. The enhancement of the control room live recording system, introduction of an integrated management system will enhance significantly the operational capabilities of the CCTV system and prepare the control room for future camera installations and planned developments.

3.3 The City Council agreed at its meeting in February to allocate £100,000 capital for CCTV which will be used to update the system, install new cameras and lay the foundations for further work which will contribute to the Key Delivery Target – To enhance the effectiveness of CCTV provision in the city.

3.4 A corporate project is in progress to rationalise PCC networks and this will incorporate the CCTV circuits thus making savings on the CCTV transmission charges. Following an announcement by OFCOM, it is anticipated that the current transmission charges will rise from £210,000 per annum to around £600,000 per annum by 2010 though formal notification of this change has not yet been received.

## **4. Proposal Summary**

4.1 The proposed works under this capital programme will be driven by the need to replace ageing components and to integrate the CCTV control room into the PCC corporate network to form part of the overall WAN/LAN network strategy. This will

enable substantial enhancements to be made to the CCTV system thus broadening the use and efficacy of the control room for Portsmouth City Council.

- 4.2 It is proposed that 4 main areas of work will be undertaken during this programme as follows:

**Installation of 2 new CCTV cameras:** From current data – likely locations will be Guildhall Walk, North End or Hilsea area.

Estimated cost: £36,000

**Upgrade the matrix system:** the system needs to be expanded in order to allow the connection of any additional cameras including the 2 above and further ones required as part of the City Centre North Development and any re-deployable cameras.

Estimated cost: £25,000

**Replace the live recording system:** Video recording is being phased out in the industry in preference to digital recorders. This enhancement will enable network linking to clients outside of the CCTV Control Room such as community wardens, police and other PCC teams. This will also greatly enhance the capabilities of the control room and provides nucleus for alarm handling, remote video monitoring, lone worker monitoring, video data exchange with partners

Estimated cost: £30,000

**Upgrade network playback station:** Playback from DVRs is relatively slow. The upgrade will allow video data to be downloaded faster to CD and DVD/RAM discs thus freeing up more operator time and preventing bottle necks for evidence release.

Estimated cost: £10,000

These figures are approximate and during procurement savings may be achieved. It is proposed that any savings are used to upgrade/update some signs in line with data protection requirements and CCTV column painting to prevent corrosion and increase life span to 2018.

## 5.0 Conclusion

- 5.1 Although the 172 camera CCTV system is ageing the additional capital will be used to lay the foundations for the future by replacing ageing control room components with modern technology, installing infrastructure which will make the system more effective in the long term as well as immediately and by responding to identified community safety priorities with new cameras.

## 6.0 City Solicitor's Comments

The City Solicitor is satisfied that it is within the Council's powers to approve the recommendations as set out.

**7.0 Equality**

This report has undergone an effective Equality Impact Assessment.

**Signing Off The Report**

Signed..... Date .....

Rachael Dalby, Head of Community Safety

**Approval to The Recommendation(s)**

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved / approved as amended / deferred / rejected\* by the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety.

Signed ..... Date .....

Councillor Jason Fazackarley, Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety