

# SAFER COMMUNITIES COMMISSION 21 MARCH 2012

ITEM 8

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

#### **SmartWater Presentation**

#### **SUMMARY**

1.1 At its January 18 Meeting, the Commission discussed the use of SmartWater products as a tool to help deter and reduce crime in the city. It was agreed at the meeting to invite a representative from SmartWater to a future meeting of the Commission to further understand how SmartWater works, the work that is currently being done with SmartWater in the city, and any future developments, or potential developments in this area.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To consider and comment on the further use of SmartWater products in the city.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 It is within the remit of the Commission to look at crime reduction and prevention in the city. SmartWater products may act as a deterrent to help reduce incidents of theft and burglary.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 SmartWater is a forensic security and consultancy service. The SmartWater product is a unique forensic marking system and an all-encompassing strategy to deter and reduce all forms of acquisitive crime. These range from straight forward domestic thefts and burglaries through to protecting the national infrastructure. SmartWater is utilised to mark property and on occasions the offender making them both traceable and accountable in any subsequent enquiry.
- 4.2 A presentation will be delivered to the Commission by Neil Carter, Regional Client Support Manager for SmartWater which will cover:
  - What is SmartWater?
  - How SmartWater can deter and reduce acquisitive crime.
  - How the SmartWater technology works after a crime has been committed.
  - What is already being done in Derby using SmartWater.
  - What else we do with SmartWater in the city.

# OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

# 5.1 None

# This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	Stuart Leslie
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
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#### Appendix 1

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 None arising from this report. However, further procurement of SmartWater products would have cost implications, and it is likely that these costs would come from Neighbourhood Forum budgets.

## Legal

2.1 None.

#### Personnel

3.1 None arising from this report.

### **Equalities Impact**

4.1 None arising from this report.

### **Health and Safety**

5.1 None arising from this report.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

6.1 None arising from this report.

#### **Asset Management**

7.1 None arising from this report.

#### **Risk Management**

8.1 None arising from this report.

# Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 This report links with the corporate objective of being safe and feeling safe.