

# Communities Scrutiny Review Board 11 September 2017

ITEM 8

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities and Place

# **Closed Circuit Television - Locations**

#### **SUMMARY**

1.1 Public area CCTV cameras are located across the city centre, outside of the city centre and within multi-story car parks. A list of locations is attached in Appendix 1.

Each street located camera has an average operational range of approximately 50m radius. Coverage of each camera varies dependent upon site location and physical obstructions such as buildings and trees.

Most cameras are on a predetermined tour and collect images stored for about 28 days. The camera remains on a passive tour unless overridden manually by an operator. This is then referred to as active monitoring.

- 1.2 In March 2015 the Council confirmed the reduction of the £200k reduction of the CCTV budget. As a result all six CCTV Monitoring Officer posts were deleted. The control room equipment continued to operate but full-time active monitoring of the system ended on 31st May 2015.
- 1.3 In July 2015 partial active monitoring was re-established at weekends and other dates of heightened risk of crime and disorder. This is jointly funded by Derby City Council and both Business Improvement Districts at a cost of £25k a year. A small budget of approximately £70k, provided by the Council covers the cost of basic maintenance of the CCTV cameras and control room equipment.
- Access to images collected is strictly prohibited in accordance with primary legislation such as the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice 2013.

The control room and image accessing equipment is subject to strict controls via access keys and logons. Derbyshire Police Constabulary can access images with prior approval and scrutiny via Information Governance within the Council. Contingencies are in place for emergency access to the control room and images should it being required. Work is currently underway to provide a direct link between the Council control room and Police control room to enable shared monitoring in emergency and high risk circumstances

Active monitoring routinely takes place on Friday and Saturday evenings generally between 6.00pm and 5.00am. This is focussed in the city centre in support of the early evening and night time economy. Active monitoring also takes place on an intelligence led basis when a particular risk is identified or at other peak times such as

Bank Holidays.

# RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To note the report and consider any implications

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 CCTV is an important element of keeping the city centre a safe place to visit and work, alongside a range of other work including licencing, taxi marshals, street pastors and work delivered by the police

# SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 The locations of CCTV cameras is attached in Appendix 1

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	
Financial officer	
Human Resources officer	
Estates/Property officer	
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List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - List of CCTV camera locations

## **IMPLICATIONS**

# **Financial and Value for Money**

1.1 By working in partnership with local businesses, voluntary sector and the police, the Council are able to ensure the city centre CCTV is effectively monitored and kept safe within the limited budget available

# Legal

2.1 See 1.4

#### **Personnel**

3.1 None

## IT

4.1 None

# **Equalities Impact**

5.1 None

## **Health and Safety**

6.1 CCTV supports safety in the city centre

# **Environmental Sustainability**

7.1 None

## **Property and Asset Management**

8.1 None

## **Risk Management and Safeguarding**

9.1 CCTV enables risks to be managed and safeguards vulnerable individuals

# Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 Safer and Stronger Derby