

**Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York
7 February 2019
County and City-Wide CCTV Provision**

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the merits of the Outline Business Case for county and city-wide CCTV provision.
- 1.2 To secure Chief Executive approval for progression to full business case

2 Background

- 2.1 Recent years have seen extreme funding pressures on Local Authorities (LAs) and partners. In the short term it is unlikely that there will be any significant positive change in the overall funding arrangements and in the current fiscal climate there will continue to be pressure to justify expenditure on CCTV monitoring for public spaces.
- 2.2 Within North Yorkshire, Harrogate and Scarborough Borough Council will see a significant drop in funding from North Yorkshire Country Council (NYCC) from 2020 onwards, which will have a substantial impact on their ability to provide public space CCTV provisions at its current level. There are areas in North Yorkshire such as Craven and Richmondshire Districts which are no longer covered by CCTV; this has ceased due to budget constraints. Funding has also impacted on the monitoring service across the county, currently only Harrogate (however this is an indication that this will end in early 2019) and the City of York Council (CYC) providing 24/7; 365 days monitoring.
- 2.3 Most of the current CCTV systems across North Yorkshire and the City of York (CoY) require investment to upgrade from analogue to digital. If the status quo remains, it is likely to result in a gradual reduction of the overall service provision, ultimately leading to the reduction of some services, negatively impacting on Community Safety provisions. The time has come to seize on the opportunity of technological advances and partnership working to deliver a county and city-wide CCTV solution to those who live and work in North Yorkshire which fulfils community safety responsibilities, is value for money for the public, keeps our visitors feeling safe and is a future proof investment.
- 2.4 In 2018 CCTV stakeholders agreed to an independent assessment of CCTV provision across the county. The independent assessment report produced by Instrom Ltd made the following recommendations regarding the future of CCTV provision in North Yorkshire and CoY.

“CCTV in North Yorkshire and CoY should be delivered by a single organisation using a single common platform, from a single multi-function control room maintained and supported by county and city-wide contractor(s)”.

- 2.5 An inaugural meeting of CCTV Stakeholders was held on the 5 September 2018 where members agreed to work in partnership to explore the proposed solution identified further in an Outline Business Case (OBC).

3 Proposed solution

3.1 The proposed solution consists of:

- A single Independent Body (IB) governed by representatives from the Funding Partners, which will set the strategic direction, objectives and oversight for county and city-wide CCTV.
- A technical solution comprising Internet protocol (IP) compatible cameras, connectivity, data storage, video management solution and secure remote access monitored by a single managed service provider.
- A single 24/7; 365 days a year control room to allow for comprehensive monitoring.

4 Benefits

4.1 The proposal will secure and enhance Community Safety county and city-wide. The solution will be a powerful tool for tackling local concerns such as major event and environmental incident management including post-analysis; active search for and identification of persons of interest and vulnerable people; improving road safety through traffic management; and contributing to the evidence base for civil proceedings and enforcement.

4.2 While the existing provision across North Yorkshire and CoY contributes to efforts to combat local concerns, the OBC confirms that without a substantial change to the way of working, CCTV provision across the county and CoY as a whole will decline. The proposal outlines how technological advances will utilise CCTV footage to greater efficacy. The value of the increased benefits to Community Safety which will be generated by the proposed solution cannot be overstated.

4.3 A single control room will provide 24/7; 365 days a year live monitoring for the communities of North Yorkshire and CoY, whilst simultaneously delivering an improved service to the wider criminal justice system. The associated Video Management Solution (VMS) and Digital Evidence Management Solution (DEMS) options will provide a platform which will result in an intuitive tool for LAs to assist in discharging their Community Safety responsibilities. It will also allow local autonomy over the CCTV cameras to assist with key of duties such as local event management, disaster recovery and civil protection plans. In addition the solution will also ensure compliance with the National Counter Terrorist Responsibilities (CONTEST Strategy).

5 Working Group OBC Feedback

5.1 At the CCTV stakeholder meeting on the 24 January the merit of the proposed solution was recognised and the desire for full business case was supported. The feedback highlighted key areas which require more detailed analysis such as:

- Finance
- Local Monitoring and Council Assets
- Other Services such as Shopwatch/Radio Link
- Staffing TUPE requirements
- GDPR
- Governance

5.2 Further exploration of the above was out of scope of the Outline Business Case due to inability to identify definitive stakeholder requirements at the stage, therefore to

provide stakeholders with the information needed to assess the viability of this proposal a full business case is needed.

6 Funding for Full Business Case

- 6.1 Discussion at the CCTV stakeholder meeting intimated that funding of a full business case may be achieved through multi-agency agreement along the lines of previous local authority funded projects.

7 Recommendations

- 7.1 That Chief Executives commit to funding and delivery of a full business case.
- 7.2 That Chief Executives commit to expert resources (Legal, Technical, Human resources), from participating parties.

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