



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE ELMBRIDGE

CCTV Strategy for Elmbridge Borough

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KEY ISSUE

The attached strategy has been agreed by the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership and is in the process of being delivered. This paper seeks to inform Surrey County Council members about the strategy and the progress that is being made.

SUMMARY

Elmbridge Borough Council has invested heavily in CCTV, and over the past few years, has, in partnership with Surrey Police, developed the scheme to be highly successful. The attached strategy lays out the development plans for the scheme over the coming years, across a number of different activities. The strategy is "owned" by the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership, of which Surrey County Council is a partner. Funding for future expansion of the scheme beyond 2008 is not agreed.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee, Elmbridge is asked to agree that:

- (i) Note the developments of CCTV in the borough and the proposed changes for the coming years

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The CCTV unit went live in June 2003.
- 1.2 Since then the scheme has expanded its activities as detailed in the attached strategy.
- 1.3 However, in order to maximise the investment and to exploit the variety of options available to tackle issues of crime in the borough, there is a significant amount of work proposed to develop the operation.
- 1.4 There are issues of capacity for the amount of work involved as most of the day to day activity at the centre is operating the cameras and dealing with information requests, which leaves the task of expanding the scheme down to the CCTV manager. It is possible that the ambitious work plan detailed in the attached may slip, and as such will be subject to review.
- 1.5 Funding has already been secured through the Elmbridge Borough Council 2007/8 capital programme for those items that are scheduled as being delivered in 2007/8. For the items that are identified in 2008 onwards no funding requests have yet been submitted. Also, the camera locations that are being identified in 2007/8 are priority locations, and those identified as future possible locations are subject to further review and are shown here as possible locations, and not confirmed. Additional work needs to be carried out with the Police and local representatives to confirm if the investment at those locations would represent value for money.

2 CONSULTATIONS

- 2.1 Consultation has taken place with:
 - The members of the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership
 - Councillors of Elmbridge Borough Council
 - Surrey Police crime officers
 - Highways officers
 - the document has been made available to the public through public meetings, and the Elmbridge Borough Council website

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 See attached strategy for financial details. Some Surrey County Councillors have kindly used some of their allocations to help finance CCTV initiatives. The cost of the activities is already outlined in the 2007/8 budget amounting to £298,250. Additional funding will be required to complete the expansion of the scheme and to develop the deployable cameras / Help Points proposal.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none that arise directly out of this report.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The subject deals with the prevention and detection of crime.

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Local committee is asked to note the ongoing development of the CCTV network and the progress that has been made so far.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The item is presented for information only.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

8.1 Development of the scheme will continue through 2008/9 but it is unclear at this stage what, if any, expansion of the CCTV system will be possible for 2008 onwards, as discussions have not yet taken place on this matter.

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