

Police and Crime Panel – (Actions R35/19 and R44/19)

Members' one-line summary on each action will be collated for the Panel's next meeting regarding actions:

R35/19

To feedback to District and Borough Councils about need to identify Transit Sites to ease tensions from unauthorised encampments.

R44/19

The PCC suggested that borough and district councillors on the Panel should take the matter of CCTV ownership back to their respective councils.

Councillor David Reeve - Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

1. Transit Camps:

This is discussed at the Surrey Chief Executives' Group and also at every Surrey Leaders' Group. The cost to set up and the annual charge makes it prohibitive for Councils to agree. There is also doubt, despite the PCC championing the success of Sussex's Transit Camps that it will work as often the numbers of units would be greater than the number of spaces in any Camp. The feeling is that the law is insufficient in being able to evict transgressors as unlawful trespassers. This could apply merely by their presence and not by having to prove who damaged what to gain entry.

2. CCTV:

CCTV is important to the Borough as it provides security to Residents. We do not possess the resources to take over the monitoring. It is the view that monitoring should remain with the police who use it for evidential purposes and also for the allocation of units to active situations.

Councillor Christine Elmer - Elmbridge Borough Council

1. Transit sites:

The matter currently sits with Surrey Chief Executives.

2. CCTV:

Elmbridge recognise the importance of CCTV in keeping people safe, feelings of safety, deterrence and use in major crime. We continue to work closely with Surrey Police on the operations of public space CCTV in the Borough and are exploring wireless and IP upgrades to ensure the system is reliable and fit for purpose going forward to support our communities and in particular our town centres. Surrey Police have agreed to continue with their contribution towards our CCTV in 2020/21 and we understand that in 2021/22 the Police contribution will be subject to a funding formula. Working together on public space CCTV development is paramount.

Councillor Hazel Watson - Mole Valley District Council

1. Transit Sites:

MVDC continues to work with the county council and other Boroughs and Districts to consider the provision of a transit site or sites in Surrey.

2. CCTV:

No decisions have yet been made in relation to live vs recording-only. An audit of individual camera usage and justification of their locations will be carried out in line with

the surveillance commissioner's guidelines in the next financial year in order to inform future deployment. The Council's CCTV cameras will be upgraded as necessary to support the ongoing use for detection and crime and anti-social behaviour and community reassurance.

Councillor Ken Harwood - Tandridge District Council

1. Transit Sites:

It forms part of our emerging Local Plan which has just been publicly examined by an Inspector. We are currently waiting for his response which is expected either late January or early February.

Traveller sites are included within the Plan and the Inspector made some comment about what was written. We won't know what the outcome will be until his decision is published.

2. CCTV:

I am told that Tandridge District Council have no involvement at all with CCTV across the District.

Councillor Josephine Hawkins - Surrey Heath Borough Council

1. Transit Sites:

I regret we have not been able to identify a suitable location within the Borough for a Transit Site. We are currently actively looking for additional permanent sites and will be taking a report to the Local plan Working Group shortly.

2. CCTV:

The Council has CCTV cameras in Camberley Town Centre and on various buildings owned by the Council. We also use portable CCTV cameras for detecting environmental crime. The cameras are monitored through a contract with Woking Borough Council. Additional cameras are intelligence driven and are put in place following consultation with the Borough Police Commander through the Community Safety Partnership.

CCTV (newest update):

In regard to the CCTV there are cameras in the town centre, 2 at the old dean parade of shops and internal cameras within the ground floor at Surrey Heath House.

We have an arrangement whereby Woking Council have the main relationship with the maintenance contractor Emcor and they administer our maintenance as an addition to the Woking contract. The CCTV is monitored currently by Surrey Police in Woking. Surrey Police have advised that they will no longer be supporting the CCTV and therefore Woking have decided to install their own Alarm receiving centre where they will then be responsible for monitoring of the CCTV in Camberley.

At the current time we do not have a formal agreement with Woking in regard to these historic arrangements.

There have been a few discussions regarding the CCTV in the town centre and Emcor (maintenance Contractor) have liaised directly with Kirsty Wilkinson (Public Realm Project Manager) to confirm the type of ducting they require to be laid for any future upgrades in the town centre if we decide to go wireless on the CCTV.