

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### **Report to the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel**

**Date**                    **24 January 2024**

**Report of:**            **Head of Environmental Health**

**Subject:**              **Update on the provision of community safety and CCTV services**

#### **SUMMARY**

The Council's Corporate Strategy (2017-2023) included an action to review our approach to community safety, including an analysis of CCTV, to ensure that we made the borough as safe a place as possible.

This report highlights those recommendations and provides updates for the Panel.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the report.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. On 2 November 2020, a report was presented to the Executive regarding a review of Community Safety and CCTV. The overall aim was that Fareham remains a safe place to live, work and visit. The following recommendations were brought forward by the Opportunities Team.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS AND UPDATES**

2. (a) Dissolution of the Fareham and Gosport CCTV Partnership.

The Partnership was officially dissolved on the 31 October 2021.

(b) Procurement of new CCTV cameras in the town centre. The budget for this was £40,000

After a rigorous tender process, new, more technically advanced CCTV cameras were installed. Additional cameras were procured for Stubbington, Portchester, The Highlands and Broadlaw Walk. Two deployable cameras were procured too, all within budget.

(c) Community Safety Team reduced to two people

This was completed. The Community Safety Team continue to facilitate the Partnership Action Groups and Community Safety Partnership as well as taking on the Safeguarding lead and CCTV functions for the Council.

(d) Two additional enforcement officers be employed at a cost of £53,264

This was completed and delivered. The officers work to enforce the Town Centre Public Spaces Protection Order as well as working as part of the wider enforcement team.

(e) Access All Areas (AAA) continues as a leisure initiative.

This initiative started its life in Community Safety but is now delivered annually by the Council's leisure team.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

3. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

## **CONCLUSION**

4. All recommendations within the previous report have been delivered and the budget savings achieved. The new, clearer CCTV images have led to evidence being produced in partnership with Police to successfully prosecute high profile criminal cases. The cameras also act as a deterrent and compliment the priorities around the Violence Against Women and Girls and prevention of anti-social behaviour agendas. The deployable CCTV cameras have also stopped ASB and criminal damage when they have been deployed. We are also grateful to the support the Police and Crime Commissioner has shown in supporting bids for further cameras around the town centre and The Gillies.

**Background Papers:**

Report to the Executive 2 November 2020

**Reference Papers:**

**Enquiries:**

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