

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel

Date **27 October 2020**

Report of: **Director of Leisure and Community**

Subject: **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CCTV REVIEW**

SUMMARY

A review of Community Safety, including CCTV, was identified as a priority action in the Council's Corporate Strategy 2017-23. The Community Safety & CCTV review was conducted between September 2019 and June 2020.

A draft Executive report has now been prepared, which outlines the results of the review and makes a number of proposals for the future provision of Community Safety & CCTV. These include focusing efforts on the most effective CCTV locations, investing £40,000 in new 4G record-only cameras, stepping back from the CCTV Partnership with Gosport and using the savings from this to recruit two additional Enforcement Officers and hire re-deployable cameras for future locations of concern that may emerge.

The report can be found at Appendix A and a more detailed review can be found at Appendix B. A presentation will also be given to the Scrutiny Panel on 27 October outlining the proposal.

The Scrutiny Panel is asked to comment on the contents of the presentation, draft Executive report and detailed review. Any comments will be tabled when the report is presented to the 02 November 2020 meeting of the Executive for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel note and comment on the presentation, draft Executive Report and detailed results in advance of the report being presented to the 02 November meeting of the Executive for consideration.

INTRODUCTION

1. The Council's Corporate Strategy (2017-2023) includes an action to *"review our approach to Community Safety, including an analysis of CCTV, to ensure that we make the Borough as safe a place as possible"*.
2. A wide-ranging review of the services took place between September 2019 and June 2020. The overall aim of the review was to ensure that Fareham continues to be a safe place to live and work.
3. The review included research into the relevant legislation, discussions with officers, the Police and other Councils (e.g. Havant and Portsmouth), the analysis of local crime statistics as well as operational data such as CCTV views and incident numbers
4. A draft Executive report has now been prepared. This outlines the top-level results of the review and proposals for the future provision of Community Safety & CCTV.
5. These proposals include the retention of the 13 highest performing CCTV camera locations, investing £40,000 in high quality record-only cameras, stepping back from the CCTV Monitoring Partnership with Gosport and using the savings from this to recruit two additional Enforcement Officers and create an annual budget for hiring re-deployable cameras. In addition, a small charge of £10 granting access to all Access All Areas events would be introduced in 2021.
6. The draft Executive report can be found at Appendix A. More detailed results can be found at confidential Appendix B. A presentation will also be given to the Scrutiny Panel on 27 October outlining the main findings of the review.
7. The Scrutiny Panel are asked to note and comment on the contents of the presentation, draft Executive report and detailed results. Comments will be tabled when the report presented to the Executive on 2 November 2020 for consideration.

CONCLUSION

8. A review of Community Safety & CCTV in the Borough has been conducted, which contains a number of proposals for future provision, including moving away from CCTV monitoring, investing in high-quality record only cameras, establishing a budget for re-deployable cameras and recruiting two additional Enforcement Officers. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to note and comment on the review and proposals, with comments being tabled when the final report is presented at the meeting of the Executive on 02 November 2020 for consideration.

Appendices: A: Draft Community Safety & CCTV Executive Report
 B: Detailed Community Safety & CCTV Review Results (confidential)

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