

**Report for:** Cabinet Member Signing

**Title:** **Request to Vary the Contract for Cameras Refresh, Upgrade and Network Extension**

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/  
Non-Key Decision:** Key Decision

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 This report is seeking approval from Cabinet for a contract variation under Contract Standing Order (CSO) 10.2.1(b) which states that subject to the provisions of CSO3.01 and the Regulation 72 of Public Contracts, compliance with Financial Regulations and subject to satisfactory outcomes of contract monitoring; the Cabinet may authorise an extension or variation to a contract.
- 1.2 The Cabinet approval for variation of contract CSO 10.02.1(b) sought is an increase from £2.1m to £2.6m within the existing contract term of 4 years which commenced on 13 January 2020 and expires 12 January 2024.
- 1.3 The existing contract support the Council in delivering on the refresh and upgrade of the Council's CCTV infrastructure and significantly increase the current number of cameras across the borough to improve public confidence, detect and deter criminality as well as improve the flow of traffic across the borough.
- 1.4 This variation sought will be within the existing contract term of 4 years that expires on 12 January 2024 for the additional value of £500K. The contract will support in the delivery and installation of CCTV cameras, including;
  - The design, supply and installation at site;
  - Testing and completion of the works;
  - Remedying of defects in the works.

The additional cost will be funded through the School Street capital programme.

## **2. Cabinet Member Introduction**

- 2.1 As part of the CCTV capital allocation of £4.1m in February 2019, £2.1m was allocated for the cameras refresh, upgrade, and network expansion. A contract award was approved to this effect on the 12 November 2019 Cabinet.
- 2.2 Through the existing contract we have commenced the cameras refresh and upgrade and will continue to increase the camera network across the borough. are replacing and increasing the capacity of our servers. The contract variation will ensure continuity in the expansion the Council's camera network across the borough. This report is for the variation of the current contract to support the replacement, refresh, and extension of our camera network.
- 2.3 As well as increasing the number of cameras we will take advantage of latest technology, providing high quality evidential footage to support any necessary enforcement and quality real time coverage to manage incidents dynamically. We will also increase coverage to enable us to better manage the road traffic network.
- 2.4 At the end of the programme, we will have an expanded, modern CCTV capability joined up with partners, that enables us to provide a flexible and seamless response to incidents and issues in the borough. This will help deliver our Borough Plan commitments to create a safer borough and improving public confidence and deterring and detecting criminality.

## **3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 For Cabinet in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Contract Standing Order 10.02.1(b) to approve the contract variation for the supply of CCTV goods and services to the current provider named in the exempt report for remainder of the contract period of the contract which expires on 12 January 2024 under a call-off schedule of rates framework in Appendix A for up to a maximum spend of £2.6m.
- 3.2 The total value of the variation is £500,000

## **4. Reasons for decision**

- 4.1 On 10 November 2020 Cabinet approved School Streets Plan to deliver local air quality improvements, encourage active travel, and create a safer environment around the school gates.
- 4.2 As an impact of COVID pandemic, it was acknowledged that air quality and health levels played a part in the ability to fight the virus. There was also a need to create spaces, where people could socially distance safely whilst dropping off and picking up children from school.
- 4.3 The current contract has facilitated and supported the delivery of the School Streets programme through the purchase of specialised cameras required for

traffic contraventions on schools' streets. As a result, the contract value has reduced and not able to support the CCTV capital programme roll out.

- 4.4 The incumbent supplier provides CCTV equipment with interface and connectivity to the council's back-office systems. A change of supplier could affect the interoperability of the council wide CCTV network hence procuring a new supplier may not be the proper route to take.
- 4.5 This contract variation will not only ensure that the increased value will support the CCTV cameras refresh and upgrade across the borough as previously agreed but will also ensure that there is no interoperability issue with the council wide CCTV network.

## 5. **Alternative options considered**

- 5.1 **Doing nothing** – This option will impact on the Council's ability to proceed with the overall cameras refresh and upgrade which has already slipped due to COVID factors.

Please note that there will be a separate procurement exercise that will be undertaken to ensure that there is a call-off contract available to support the overall full value School Streets programme over the next 5 years.

## 6. **Background information**

- 6.1 Financial Strategy Capital Programme for 2020-25 allocated £1.5m capital funding for the delivery of School Streets programme cameras over 5 years. This will also be supported with match funding of a further £1.5m. The Council has already secured some external funding through the Wood Green Growth Fund, Tottenham Future High Streets Fund and TFL – securing over £800,000 for the programme which has been used against this contract.
- 6.2 This contract variation ensures that there is continuity in the cameras refresh, upgrade, and network expansion whilst another procurement is undertaken to support the delivery against additional funding made available from external sources for cameras across the borough.

## 7. **Contribution to strategic outcomes**

- 7.1 This directly supports the Borough Plan Outcome 12: A Safer Borough Objective a): Improve community confidence and reduce fear of crime using our relationships with partners and communities as well as our physical assets including the built environment and CCTV.

7.2 This also supports the Borough Plan Outcome 10: A Cleaner, Accessible, Attractive space through the Parking Transformation Programme which includes expansion of CCTV enforcement for moving traffic.

## 8. Statutory Officers comments

### 8.1 Strategic Procurement

8.1.1 CSO 10.02.1 (b) permits Cabinet to vary a contract where the value is £500,000 or more subject to the provisions of Reg.72 of Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015. PCR Reg. 72 (1)(b)(i) permits that a contract may be modified where the change of contractor cannot be made for technical reasons and the price does not increase by more than 50%.

Strategic Procurement support the variation of this contract.

### 8.2 Finance

8.2.1 This report seeks the approval of the existing CCTV contract variation from £2.1m to £2.6m within the existing contract term of 4 years which commenced on 13 January 2020 and expires 12 January 2024. The additional increase of £0.5m will be fully funded through the School Street capital programme.

8.2.2 School Streets are a project within the Council's current capital programme budget. There is a £1.5m Council contribution via the Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy pot, with an expectation that this will be match funded with external funding streams from organisations such as: TfL, S106 and GLA.

8.2.3 Of the £4.1m CCTV capital allocation budget, a total sum of circa £1.4m has been spent to date as follows:

Financial Year	Spend (£)
2019/20	39,073
2020/21	1,256,975
2021/22	104,207

**1,400,255**

8.2.4 Due to the decision to move the control room from 48 Station Road to Alex House, the budget allocation has been increased by an additional £0.35m. There is also £0.143m NCIL funding earmarked towards the cameras refresh, upgrade, and network expansion across the Borough. There is sufficient budget provision within the Council's capital programme budget to meet the cost of this proposal.

## 8.3 Legal

- 8.3.1 The Head of Legal and Governance notes the contents of the report.
- 8.3.3 In accordance with the Council's Contract Standing Order (CSO) 10.02.1(b), subject to the provisions of the Public Contracts Regulation 2015, Cabinet may approve the variation of a contract if the value of the variation is £500,000 or more and as such Cabinet has power to approve the variation of the Contract in the report.
- 8.3.3 The provisions of Regulation 72(1)(b)(i) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR) allows the Council to vary a contract where the change of contractor cannot be made for technical reasons and the issue of interoperability of a new system with the council wide CCTV network mentioned in paragraph 4.4 of the report could be said to meet the requirement of the provisions of Regulation 72(1)(b)(i) of the Public Contracts Regulations and additionally the value of the variation which is £500,000 is less than 50% of the total contract value as required under Regulation 72(1)(b)(i) of the PCR.
- 8.3.4 Where action needs to be taken between meeting of the Cabinet or in cases of urgency, the provisions of CSO 16.02 allows the Leader to take any decision reserved for Cabinet and as such the Leader has power to take the decision in the report.
- 8.3.4 The Head of Legal and Governance sees no legal reasons preventing the approval of the recommendations in the report.

## 8.4 Equality

- 8.4.1 The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
  - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
  - Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.
- 8.4.2 The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status apply to the first part of the duty.
- 8.4.3 The proposal is to award a contract for installation of CCTV in Haringey. The proposal supports strategic objectives to detect and deter criminality, reduce fear of crime, and improve traffic flow across the borough.

- 8.4.4 In terms of detecting and deterring criminality, the proposal can be expected to have a positive impact on those groups that are over-represented among victims of crime. The Community Safety Strategy Equalities Impact Assessment notes that these groups include BAME residents, men, those with SEND, and younger people. Moreover, particular groups including members of minority religious and faith groups, individuals with disabilities, and individuals who identify as LGBT+ are more vulnerable to becoming victims of hate crime. The proposal can therefore be expected to have a positive impact on these groups by providing a deterrent to victimisation and supporting means of redress when instances of victimisation have occurred.
- 8.4.5 In terms of fear of crime, it is notable that the Haringey Residents Survey 2018 found that fear of crime in the borough is highest among those most likely to be victims of crime and hate crime in particular. Specifically, fear of crime was found to be highest among members of minority religious and faith groups, those with disabilities, and Asian residents. The proposal is therefore likely to have a positive equalities impact to the extent that it results in a reduction in fear of crime among these groups.
- 8.4.6 In terms of traffic flow, the proposal can be expected to benefit groups who are reliant on motor vehicles, including individuals with disabilities.
- 8.4.7 As a body carrying out a public function on behalf of the Council, the contractor will be expected to comply with the Public Sector Equalities Duty in all aspects of its operations.

## **9. Use of Appendices**

- 9.1 Appendix A - exempt report

## **10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985** Not applicable