

The Executive
On 20th March 2007

Report Title: **Executive Response to the Scrutiny Review of Community Safety Role of CCTV**

Report of: **Assistant Chief Executive (Policy Performance Partnerships & Communications)**

Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Non Key decision**

1. Purpose

1.1 To propose the Executive's response to the proposals of the Scrutiny review of Community Safety Role of CCTV

2. Introduction by Executive Member

2.1 Scrutiny has produced a report into the Community Safety Role of CCTV which offers many supportive comments and some helpful recommendations.

2.2 The Executive Member is pleased to accept the recommendations and indeed some have already been carried out.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Executive agree the proposed response.

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4. Executive Summary

4.1 The Scrutiny review report is a helpful review of the position regarding the Community Safety Role of CCTV. Overall it is a positive report, however identifies some useful

recommendations which will enhance the service currently provided.

4.2 The full report is attached as Appendix 1 and the tabulated action plan which responds to the 12 recommendations is attached at Appendix 2.

5. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7. Background

- 7.1 Community Safety CCTV was first installed in Haringey in 1995/6 when Haringey's Housing Service decided to install six CCTV into the public areas of the Broadwater Farm Estate.
- 7.2 Following a successful bid to the home office in 1997, cameras were installed in the Wood Green High Road (6) and Tottenham High Road/Seven Sisters (4).
- 7.3 In 1999 further cameras were installed on Broadwater Farm (2), Tottenham High Road (2) and in a block of council flats in Birkbeck Road, N8.
- 7.4 Further funding came in 2000, from a Home Office crime reduction programme: Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Initiative. The Wood Green (9) and Tottenham High Road (7) were areas were given extended coverage.
- 7.5 In 2001, Haringey was again successful in bidding for Home Office funds and 20 mobile cameras were purchased and installed mainly in Crouch End, Muswell Hill and Green Lanes.
- 7.6 The CCTV strategy was developed in support of these cameras and reviewed in 2003. The CCTV Steering Group was created at this time, answering to the ASB partnership Board and Ultimately to the Safer Communities Executive Board.
- 7.7 Subsequently Transport for London have installed enforcement cameras along the main bus routes through Haringey
- 7.8 In January 2005 the Asset Stream Board approved a proposal from Street Scene to relocate the current CCTV control room.
- 7.9 Request for new CCTV cameras to be installed were being received regularly by the Community Safety team from both the business and residential communities in Haringey. The Home Office had recently published research which questioned the effectiveness of Community Safety CCTV in large Urban Conurbations.
- 7.10 In May 2006, the Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety and the then Deputy Police Commander for Haringey, requested that the Community Safety Team undertake a review of CCTV. They recognised there were some issues and they felt it was time to review and make recommendations and felt some of the work should be done independently. They also felt it was time to review the strategy from 2003.
- 7.11 At around the same time Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee proposed to undertake a Scrutiny review on the community safety role of CCTV. It

was therefore agreed that the two reviews would be developed so that they complemented each other, with the Scrutiny review providing the element of independent challenge.

- 7.12 The publication of the scrutiny review is welcomed as the findings of the scrutiny review were found to be the same as the initial findings of the Community Safety review. It was therefore agreed that Community safety would not publish a second duplicate review paper, but would work on the recommendations of the Scrutiny review.
- 7.13 The Community Safety response to the recommendations can be found at appendix 1.
- 7.14 The Action Plan is at Appendix 3.

8. Description

- 8.1 The Scrutiny Review report makes 12 recommendations and the proposed responses to these are included in Appendix 1

9. Consultation

- 9.1 The Scrutiny Panel carried out consultation with staff, stakeholders and community representatives from both residents and businesses.
- 9.2 All of the recommendations made have been discussed between Community Safety and Street Scene when identifying the responses to the recommendations.

10. Summary and Conclusions

- 10.1 All of the recommendations are capable of implementation and several have already been carried out.
- 10.2 Several of the recommendations are dependant upon the new CCTV control opening early in the new financial year.
- 10.3 The Head of Street Scene and the Head of Safer Communities are working together to develop a management structure which will;
- deliver against the recommendations from this review; and
 - maximise the delivery of CCTV services across the council and the wider partnership.

11. Recommendations

- 11.1 Consider and endorse the response to the Scrutiny Review.

12. Comments of the Director of Finance

- 12.1 There are no resource implications of these recommendations.

13. Comments of the Head of Legal Services

- 13.1 There are no legal implications of these recommendations.

14. Equalities Implications

- 14.1 There are no Equalities implications of these recommendations

15. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

Appendix 1 – Table of Recommendations and Responses

Appendix 2 – The Scrutiny Review Report

Appendix 3 – Scrutiny Review into the Role Community Safety CCTV Action Plan