

EX44. CCTV – FUTURE OPTIONS

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services setting out options for the delivery of CCTV monitoring services within the Council area.

The Executive had, on 30 September 2014 (ref EX64), agreed to establish a local CCTV service to continue the CCTV monitoring service on a temporary basis. A contract to 31 December 2015 was agreed with Enigma CCTV for the provision of full time monitoring services based at Falkirk police station.

Four options were presented for provision post 31 December 2015. These were:-

- (1) continuing the provision of full time CCTV monitoring – the current service;
- (2) operating a peak-time CCTV monitoring service, subject to demand and risk analysis.
- (3) operating a recorded-only service, with no live monitoring;
- (4) discontinuation of the service.

The report provided an analysis of each of the options.

Councillor Blackwood, seconded by Councillor C R Martin, moved that the Executive agree to tender for the provision of a peak-time monitoring CCTV service for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2017.

As an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved, in substitution for the motion, that the Executive agrees to tender for a full-time monitored CCTV service, i.e retention of the current service.

Councillor D Goldie gave notice of a further amendment.

On a division 8 members voted for the motion and 3 voted for the amendment, with voting as follows:-

For the motion (8) - Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin and Nimmo.

For the amendment (3) – Councillors Alexander, Coleman and Spears.

Councillor D Goldie, seconded by Councillor Gow, then moved, as an amendment and in addition to the motion, that:-

The Leader of the Council writes to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson, to ask that he ensures an equality of funding across all Scottish local authorities and that funding is provided for the most up to date CCTV digital recording.

Following discussion, Councillor Goldie with the consent of the Convener, and his seconder, adjusted the terms of his amendment by inserting the words ‘on a pro rata basis’ into it between the words “funding” and “across”:-

Councillor Coleman gave notice of a further amendment.

On a division 3 members voted for the motion and 8 voted for the amendment with voting as follows:-

For the motion (3) - Councillors Alexander, Coleman and Spears.

For the amendment (8) - Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin and Nimmo.

The amendment became the substantive motion against which the further amendment was heard.

Councillor Coleman, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved substitution of the phrase 'equality of funding on a pro rata basis' in the substantive motion with 'a proportionate share of funding'.

On a division 8 members voted for the substantive motion and 3 voted for the amendment, with voting as follows:-

For the substantive motion (8) - Councillors Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, Mahoney, C Martin, C R Martin and Nimmo.

For the amendment (3) - Councillors Alexander, Coleman and Spears.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) to tender for the provision of a peak-time monitoring CCTV service for the period 1 January 2016 to 31 March 2017; and**
- (2) that the Leader of the Council writes to the Cabinet Secretary for Justice, Michael Matheson, to ask that he ensures an equality of funding on a pro rata basis across all Scottish local authorities and that funding is provided for the most up to date CCTV digital recording.**