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Agenda Item 11

Council of the Future - CCTV

Falkirk Council

Title: Council of the Future - CCTV

Meeting: Executive

Date: 15 March 2022

Submitted By: Acting Director of Transformation, Communities & Corporate Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update in relation to CCTV as requested at the Executive meeting on 24 August 2021.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Executive note the update on the implementation of the CCTV/Digital Hub and associated CCTV cameras outlined in this report and that it is on track for completion within the agreed timescales.**

3. Climate Change Implications

- 3.1 The outputs of this report will result in a negligible impact to the climate change obligations. Replacement of old CCTV cameras with new will likely have a small reduction in energy consumed.

4. Background

- 4.1 On 24 August 2021, the Executive considered an updated report on the provision of CCTV services in the Falkirk Council area. In addition to noting the content of the report, the Executive requested that a further report be submitted in early 2022 to provide an update on the progress made to implement digital CCTV.

- 4.2 Since August 2021 the following activities have been completed:

- Installation/upgrade of 48 of the planned 61 fixed CCTV cameras. The remaining fixed cameras are on target to be installed and operating by the end of March 2022. This has involved working with colleagues in streetlighting to upgrade electrical connections at camera locations and the upgrade of BT linked CCTV circuits to enable outlying town centre CCTV cameras to be installed

- Purchase and installation of an additional 5 x mobile CCTV cameras:
 - 1 x camera - Registered Social Landlord Paragon Housing,
 - 1 x camera - Avonbridge Community Group
 - 3 x cameras - Located at Municipal Buildings to provide security for the duration of the decommission
- Discussions / agreement with Police Scotland to enter a formal partnership with the new CCTV/Digital Alarms Hub.

5. Fixed CCTV Cameras

5.1 The table below provides a summary of progress in relation to the fixed camera installation:

Fixed Camera Installation Progress as of 21/02/22			
Area / Location	Proposed Number of new Fixed Cameras	Progress - Number of new Cameras Installed	Status/ Completion Date
Falkirk Central	19	19	Complete
Falkirk Callendar Park	3	3	Complete
Falkirk Grahams Road	3	1	March '22
Falkirk Retail Park	3	2	March '22
Falkirk Newcarron	1	1	Complete
Falkirk Camelon	3	3	Complete
Falkirk Wheel	2	2	Complete
Stenhousemuir / Larbert	6	6	Complete
Denny	3	3	Complete
Boness	3	3	Complete
Grangemouth	15	5	March '22
Totals	61	48	March '22

6. Mobile CCTV Cameras

- 6.1 The Executive report dated 24 August 2021 indicated that 15 x mobile CCTV cameras had been purchased. Paragraph 3.2 advises of a further 5 x mobile cameras that have since been purchased. Members were previously advised that some mobile cameras would be used in a “fixed” way to address gaps in the fixed camera provision where it had been agreed that there is a requirement for a camera but, due to connectivity and/or power supply issues and costs, there is no opportunity to install a fixed camera. The table below provides a summary of all mobile cameras and whether they are being used in a fixed or mobile way:

Mobile Cameras		
No. of Cameras	Funded by	Usage - Fixed / Mobile
3	Municipal Buildings - SPR Team	Fixed (can be changed to mobile depending on future requirements)
5	Helix park - Community Trust	Fixed
3	Housing Services	Mobile
2	Police Scotland	Mobile
2	Zetland Park	Fixed
1	Paragon Housing	Mobile (Based on Paragon Housing needs)
1	Avonbridge Community Group	Fixed
3	CCTV/Digital Hub	Mobile
Total Number of Cameras = 20		

7. Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland

- 7.1 The Council has recently had very positive discussions with Police Scotland with a view to reaching a partnership agreement and receiving an increase in their financial contribution to the partnership. They currently contribute £32k per annum which is c13% of the revenue cost of service delivery. Police Scotland are currently seeking approval for this contribution from within their organisation and once this is confirmed the revised partnership agreement will be signed off.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1 The 3 remaining milestones to be achieved by the CCTV/Digital Hub project are as follows
- **Re-locate the CCTV Monitoring Service and co-locate this with existing Out of Hours alarm and telecare monitoring services at The Foundry, Larbert – March '22 – this is on target to be completed by March '22**

- **Complete proof of concept to integrate Council premise CCTV integration with centralised monitoring centre – June '22** - The proof of concept will be completed when the CCTV Monitoring service is re-located to The Foundry and this is on target to be completed by June '22.
- **Develop transition plan for the transfer of Council Premise CCTV and Access Control into new centralised HUB service delivery model – March 2022** – the plan is on target to be completed by March '22 and implementation of this will become “business as usual” for the CCTV/Digital Hub team in conjunction with Property Services.

8.2 Following completion of these milestones, in line with Council of the Future protocols, the Innovation Workstream Board will be asked to agree the formal closure of this project. Further work will be done thereafter to assess the future use and innovative developments which our CCTV system can be used for. This will, as appropriate, be reported through the normal Council of the Future governance

9. Consultations

9.1 Consultation has taken place with Housing Services and Police Scotland

10. Implications

Financial

10.1 If Police Scotland do not agree to the proposed funding arrangements, the £54k revenue savings identified in the original report cannot be achieved. To date £600k of the £980k Capital funding has been spent. The remaining budget will be spent in 22/23 on further developing the digital platform and integration of other CCTV cameras, (e.g. schools), alarms etc and this will involve working closely with Property Services.

Resources

10.2 There are no resource implications as a direct result of this report.

Legal

10.3 A full Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been completed.

Risk

10.4 There are no risks identified as a direct result of this report.

Equalities

- 10.5 An initial draft Equalities & Poverty Impact Assessment (EPIA) has been carried out and no issues have been raised to date. This will be reviewed when all cameras are installed.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 10.6 There is no requirement to undertake a sustainability/environmental impact assessment as a result of this report.

11. Conclusions

- 11.1 The CCTV/digital Hub project is on target to be completed on time and within budget. Police Scotland have welcomed the improvement to crime detection and prevention that the improved camera estate is providing and are keen to work in partnership with the Council.

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List of Background Papers:

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973:

- CCTV - Mobile Cameras, Executive Report, 17 November 2020
- CCTV – Mobile Cameras, Executive Report, 9 March 2021
- Council of the Future - CCTV, 24 August 2021