

# Chichester District Council

**CABINET**

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## **CCTV Service Transformation – Award of Maintenance Contract**

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### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree to award the maintenance contract for the Chichester District CCTV service to Chromavision for the next 3 years.**

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Council's CCTV service currently comprises of 65 cameras, 25 on street and 40 in CDC owned car parks. Sussex Police have been monitoring all CDC owned public facing cameras in the district since April 2021. On 10 October 2023 Cabinet agreed the release of £115,000 from ARP to transform the CCTV service in the district.
- 3.2 Sussex Police have held the contracts for transmission and maintenance costs for CCTV across Sussex since 2012 and the transmission contract with the current provider BT is due to expire end of March 2024. The maintenance contract is due to expire at the same time and Sussex Police have only very recently informed us that they will no longer own this contract and CDC needs to take it over from April 2024.
- 3.3 The current provider of the maintenance contract Chromavision has provided us a quote for the next 3 years with an option to extend for another 2 years at a cost of around £17,000 per year to also include the sim costs for the cameras. This would total around £51,000 for the initial 3 year term as they have informed us the cost will not go up in this period. This equates to a saving year on year of around £40,000 as the current maintenance and transmission contract is £58,000.

### **4. Outcomes to be achieved**

- 4.1 CDC have a maintenance contract in place to ensure the progression of the transformation of the CDC CCTV service.

## **5. Proposal**

**5.1** That Cabinet award the maintenance contract for CDC CCTV service to Chromavision for 3 years.

## **6. Alternatives that have been considered.**

6.1 Do not award this contract to Chromavision and risk having no CCTV service.

6.2 Go out to tender for this contract, unfortunately due to the lateness of Sussex Police informing us of this change in contract ownership there is not enough time to conduct a full and fair procurement exercise. We will of course consider this well before the initial 3 year contract is due to expire.

## **7. Resource and Legal Implications**

7.1 There are no significant resource implications associated with this contract.

## **8. Consultation**

8.1. Internal consultation has taken place with head of Legal services and Procurement.

## **9. Community Impact and Corporate Risk**

9.1 Although CCTV is a discretionary service it is integral to public safety and reducing the fear of crime and acts of criminality. If we had no CCTV service we risk our reputation and Chichester becoming a magnet for petty criminals and organised crime groups.

9.2 Due to time constraints and existing contractual obligations an exception to tender is in place for any procurement of cameras and wireless transmission. This exception to tender was requested early in the process for the original quote of £90,000 as there was some urgency in getting approval for the works so they could be completed by end of March 2024. Since it's approval we put in a request for 3 additional cameras and 2 re-deployable cameras and a new quote was submitted for £120,000 for the works Due to include 5g. This coupled with Sussex Police now telling us we are to take on the maintenance and sim contract which has a total value of around £51,000 for 3 years (£17k per annum) the total cost of the project is now £171,00 which is significantly higher than the exception to tender originally agreed.

9.3 There is additional funding attached to this project from the Police Crime Commissioner valuing around £54,000 which can only be drawn down if we continue to work with the current contractor.

## 10. Other implications

	Yes	No
<b>Crime &amp; Disorder:</b> CCTV has a positive impact on the prevention and detection of crime and provides a visible reassurance to the public.	x	
<b>Climate Change and Biodiversity:</b>		x
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b> Human Rights and Equality Impact: CCTV needs to be proportionate to the presenting issues to avoid unnecessary public exposure.	x	
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help:</b> this service directly positively impacts the protection of the most vulnerable people in our district.	x	
<b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):</b>	x	
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b> CCTV is viewed and monitored in compliance with current GDPR legislation		x

## 11. Appendices

None.

## 12. Background Papers

None.