

# Chichester District Council

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## **City Centre Upgrade of CCTV**

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### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 **That the Cabinet approves the PID in the appendix to the agenda report to roll together six years (2017-2023) of Asset Renewal Programme (ARP) funding for CCTV to enable an upgrade of 11 city centre cameras and the reinstatement of two cameras in Avenue de Chartres.**
- 2.2 **That the Cabinet recommends to the Council to approve the release of £165,000 from reserves.**

### **3. Background**

- 3.1 CCTV was first introduced into Chichester City centre in 1996 and a number of the cameras still date back to this time. These cameras are now outdated and have not kept pace with current technological changes and no longer provide the surveillance quality necessary to protect a busy city centre.
- 3.2 Two cameras in Avenue De Chartres (ADC) were removed in 2012 as part of a review of CCTV, however since that time the area around the multi-storey car park which was covered by one of cameras has become an area which has seen an increase in crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). In a light touch review in May 2018 it was identified that reinstating this camera and the one at the Westgate roundabout would help in the prevention and detection of crime in this area.
- 3.3 The current annual allocation of ARP funding would only allow a piecemeal replacement of cameras which would equate to one or two a year. An ability to replace more cameras in a single process will ensure the cameras are all of the same technical specification and the footage of a similar quality. There may also be a risk of the cost of the cameras rising over time and purchasing them at one point in time may reduce this.

## **4. Outcomes to be Achieved**

- 4.1 Completion of this project would promote Chichester as a safe place to visit and encourage more visitors to the area.
- 4.2 CCTV is an integral member of ChiBAC Chichester's Business Crime Reduction Partnership and any increase in quality or numbers of cameras would improve the effectiveness of ChiBAC and potentially increase the number of crimes and incidents in the city centre having a positive resolution.
- 4.3 It may also result in a reduction in reports from car parks staff and the public about ASB and criminal activity around the multi-storey car park.
- 4.4 A potential increase in footfall as Chichester City is promoted as a safe place to visit.

## **5. Proposal**

- 5.1 That the Cabinet approves the PID to enable the replacement and reinstatement of the City centre cameras set out in the table in section 2 of the PID (appendix 1).

## **6. Alternatives Considered**

- 6.1 Do nothing and continue to use outdated technology and risk the cameras becoming obsolete and unusable.
- 6.2 Replace one or two cameras at a time, which could prove more costly in the long term and be less cost effective as there is potential for discounted cameras, installation and transmission costs if more are purchased at one time.

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

- 7.1 There is £165,000 of ARP allocation for 2017-2023 in the draft revised ARP awaiting final approval by Council which is adequate to complete the proposed works. On-going monitoring and maintenance cost would be met by the current contracts in place.
- 7.2 This project can be delivered using existing staff resource.

## **8. Consultation**

- 8.1 The PID has been considered by the CDC Corporate Improvement Team.
- 8.2 The CCTV control room have identified the issues with the quality of these cameras and would welcome any upgrades to enable improved monitoring.

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

- 9.1 Upgrading the city centre CCTV will have a positive impact on community safety and ChiBac as in 4.2 above.
- 9.2 There is a risk that technological advances may render the new cameras out of date, this will be mitigated by the upgrade in transmission services currently underway and

ensuring the new cameras will be the most up to date specification available at the time of installation.

## 10. Other Implications

	Yes	No
<b>Crime and Disorder</b> CCTV is in place primarily for the prevention and detection of crime.	x	
<b>Climate Change and Biodiversity</b>		x
<b>Human Rights and Equality Impact</b> CCTV is bound by GDPR and monitoring staff are trained to ensure collateral intrusion is kept to a minimum.	x	
<b>Safeguarding and Early Help</b> CCTV can be used to help locate missing persons and to support Police Operations involving exploitation.	x	
<b>General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)</b> CCTV does include large scale, systematic monitoring of public areas. A privacy Impact Assessment has been undertaken to ensure compliance.	x	
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b> CCTV will encourage a feeling of safety and security which will positively impact on people's wellbeing	x	

## 11. Appendices

11.1 Project Initiation Document version 2: Replacement of 11 Outdated City Centre CCTV cameras and reinstatement of two cameras in Avenue De Chartres.

## 12. Background Papers

None.