

Report to Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Standing Panel

Date of meeting: 6 January 2011

Subject: CCTV Action Plan

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Recommendation:

- (1) To note the progress against the adopted CCTV Action Plan; and**
- (2) To note the increase in the number of CCTV downloads requested and provided**

Report:

1. The CCTV Strategy and its associated Action Plan were considered by this Panel at its meeting in February 2010. The Panel approved both documents and sent them forward to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet. Cabinet adopted the Strategy and Action Plan in September 2010 (Minute ref: 52 – 13 September 2010).

2. The Action Plan should be reviewed at six monthly intervals, and the attached update sets out progress for the period April 2010 to September 2010, although there are also some later progress comments included in the table. The present situation is highlighted in the attached Plan. It can be seen that excellent progress has been made against the tasks and target dates.

3. There is no intention at this time to amend the core strategy document which is therefore not attached to this agenda. If Members wish to review the core strategy it can be found on the Council's Committee system by viewing the Cabinet Agenda for the 13th of September 2010.

4. Whilst concerns do remain in respect of the increased use of CCTV and possible infringements of human rights etc, there is no doubt that its correct deployment and use is assisting the Police in their investigation and prosecution of crime. The core strategy we have in place ensures that CCTV is used appropriately and within the law, thereby protecting the law abiding citizen whilst helping to prevent criminal activities.

5. To illustrate how the use of CCTV has increased, the data which follows sets out the significant increase in the number of requests for CCTV data:

2008:	36 requests
2009:	86 requests
2010 (to date):	173 requests

The majority of requests relate to the Council's main town centres, these accounting for around half of all data download requests.