

Meeting CCTV Joint Executive
Portfolio Area Communities and Community Safety
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CCTV GOVERNANCE REVIEW

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the CCTV Joint Executive Committee with an update on the concluding activities of the CCTV Governance Review.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Joint Executive notes the progress of the CCTV Officer Management board in concluding the CCTV Governance Review.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The CCTV Joint Executive Committee requested that a Governance Review be undertaken of joint CCTV arrangements in April 2018. This was initiated with a SIAS audit. The SIAS recommendations have since been completed and in addition the Joint Executive Committee has approved the re-

distribution of partner owned cameras from the company to the partnership to improve both the financial efficiency of partnership arrangements and to improve governance and oversight of the CCTV network.

- 3.2 Since the last Joint Executive meeting in June Officer Management Board has met to receive further analysis of camera recharges and a proposed recharging relationship between the partnership and company to reflect the changes in distribution of cameras. The principles of the partnership recharges have been outlined in the draft partnership agreement contained in the SIAS report as part of this meeting's agenda. A recharging formula for the company is now being prepared for future consideration by the Officer Management Board.
- 3.3 As a consequence of the decision by the Joint Executive to redistribute the partnership cameras Hertfordshire CCTV Ltd has had to review its business plan and growth opportunities. This plan will be presented by the Directors at a meeting with shareholders representatives being scheduled for the autumn. It is the intention of the Directors to share that plan as a presentation at the next CCTV Joint Executive for information and to increase awareness of the future plans for the company.

4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Governance Review was initiated to ensure improved oversight and scrutiny of CCTV arrangements across the partnership. There had not been a review of arrangements since the partnership had expanded and the Herts CCTV Ltd created as a company. The SIAS recommendations have now been completed with additional governance measures around the relationship between the partnership and company having also been implemented. This has been an 18 month process with an increased frequency of meetings to ensure recommendations have been progressed in a timely way. It is proposed that this review will now be concluded subject to the final drafting of the partnership agreement.
- 4.2 Members may wish to launch further lines of enquiry as part of this review, however given the scope of the review undertaken to date this is not being recommended.

5 IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications contained within this report.

Legal Implications

- 5.2 Legal advice has been provided throughout the undertaking of the Governance Review. There are no implications presented through the recommendations in this report.

Risk Implications

- 5.3 The undertaking of the Governance Review has sought to reduce governance risks for partner councils around the arrangements for the provision of public realm CCTV. It is deemed that these risks have now been adequately mitigated through the completion of recommended actions.

Community Safety Implications

- 5.4 The provision of CCTV across the partnership relates to public protection and community safety. Improved governance arrangements noted in this report strengthen the position of the partnership in effectively tackling crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour across communities.