

To: Cabinet

Date: 23 August 2023

Report/Comments of: Scrutiny Committee

Title: Scrutiny Feedback to Cabinet – CCTV Post Implementation Review

SUMMARY OF REPORT CONSIDERED	
Report Title:	CCTV Post Implementation Review
Purpose/Description of Report:	To present a review of the CCTV project and invite observations and comments from the Scrutiny Committee.
Key Decision:	No
Scrutiny Lead Member:	Cllr Mike Brown, Scrutiny Committee Chairman
Relevant Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Pat Cumbers, Portfolio Holder for Customers, Communities and Neighbourhoods

1. Introduction and Overview

The Scrutiny Committee met on 25 July 2023 to consider the CCTV Post Implementation Review.

In 2022, a project to modernise and improve the Council’s CCTV system and operating arrangements (equipment, maintenance, and monitoring) was completed and the new service is now operational.

An opportunity for a post implementation review had been requested by the Scrutiny Committee and the report presented to Members provided information about the CCTV project, project implementation and current operating arrangements to support them with the review.

The Director for Housing and Communities, the Assistant Director for Customers and Communities and the Strategic Lead for Safer Communities were in attendance to answer questions. The report was supported by a letter from Inspector Madeley-Harland from Leicestershire Police, both of which can be found [here](#).

2. Summary of Feedback/Recommendations for Cabinet Consideration

- The Committee were very positive about the CCTV project and the way in which it had been implemented. Thanks were passed to the staff and partners involved in the project.
- The committee were satisfied that the objectives of the CCTV project have been achieved. They felt that the project aims and successes could have been presented more clearly in the report.
- The committee queried whether the ultimate aim of CCTV is to prevent crime by acting as a deterrent, identify perpetrators for prosecutions or whether the project was initiated with the dual purpose in mind. The role and remit of CCTV was discussed with officers, including the importance of its role in preventing and detecting crime.
- Members welcomed the 'Help Point' device and commented that it will be a valuable resource in helping to protect vulnerable people. Concern was raised about the potential for abusing the facility.
- The Committee welcomed the feedback that has been received from Leicestershire Police and recognised the value CCTV has in Community Safety and tackling crime and disorder.
- It is recognised that whilst the CCTV network can be valuable in identifying perpetrators, the crime does need to be reported for the Police to take action.
- Members queried whether there was scope to further grow the CCTV project, to benefit other parts of the borough, including in rural communities. Officers committed to discussing further with members who wished to explore mobile camera deployment and longer term options outside of the town centre.

Written by: Scrutiny Committee Chairman in consultation with Members of the Scrutiny Committee.