

## **DISTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL - CCTV**

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Portfolio Holder Councillor Geoff Blackwell  
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### **Summary:**

This report advises Executive of a request from Distington Parish Council for financial support to enable the linking of the Parish's CCTV system to this Council's CCTV system to enable direct monitoring by the police and via the third party monitoring arrangements at Allerdale House.

### **Recommendation:**

that Executive agree to support this request utilising an anticipated £5,000 underspend from the CCTV revenue monitoring budget.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 Executive may be aware that Distington Parish Council has recently invested in the provision of a CCTV system in the village. This CCTV system supports the parish councils approach to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and is the only such project of this nature undertaken by a parish in the borough.

1.2 The system consist of 6 cameras (expandable to 8). A although the systems records video 24/7, it is however not actively monitored. If an incident occurs the recorded data is searched and copied to discs for reviewing and evidence.

1.3 The Parish Council have approached this Council for financial support to link the parish CCTV system to our system to allow Distington to be monitored along with the rest of the Borough.

## **2. ARGUMENT**

2.1 CCTV is a powerful tool for addressing Crime and Disorder incidents. Although the Parish system records on a 24/7 basis the ability to visually monitor

provides enhanced functionality and may assist in preventative action.

2.2 The monitoring arrangements are able to link immediately to other agencies in that if an incident is identified, Police, Fire and ambulance services can be contacted and respond more quickly.

2.3 To link requires the interfacing of the system technologies and the provision of a broadband link. It is feasible for the two systems to be linked using a Dynamics 8 camera unit. This would communicate with the Allerdale Monitoring Control room using a Broadband connection. The cost to enable the link is £5k.

### **3. CONCLUSIONS**

3.1 It is feasible for the two CCTV technologies to communicate to allow the Allerdale control centre to monitor the images in Distington; the cost for implementing is £5k

3.2 Real time monitoring will provide an enhanced service and support the Parish's and this Council's approach to combating Crime and Disorder in Distington

### **4. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)**

4.1 If Executive wishes to support Distington Parish Councils request for the link the financial implications are £5,000. If minded to agree to the request the cost can be contained within the Councils CCTV revenue budget. A saving of approximately £5k has been identified as a result of full year requirements not accruing during 2007/08 from the Allerdale monitoring costs.

### **5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN**

5.1 Effective CCTV monitoring has a key role in supporting the Councils Section 17 responsibilities and Quality of Life objectives

#### **List of Consultees:**

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### **CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES**

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	Supports the West Cumbria Crime and Disorder Reduction Strategy
Impact on Sustainability	Reducing acts of Crime and anti-social behaviour
Impact on Rural Proofing	Reducing Crime and anti-social activities in a rural area
Health and Safety Implications	Supports
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	None
Children and Young Persons Implications	Reducing activities of Anti-social behaviour
s.151 issues	With reference to point 4.1 it is anticipated that cost will be contained within existing budgets in respect of this service.
Legal issues	No further comments additional to the report
Human Rights Act Implications	None

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision    NO