



**Executive**  
29<sup>th</sup> May 2007

**Report from the Directors of  
Environment & Culture and Director  
of Policy & Regeneration**

For Decision

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Brent CCTV Strategy**

Forward Plan Ref: E&C-06/07-039

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This Report sets out Brent CCTV Strategy that will establish a strategic and policy direction for future investment in, and use of, CCTV in the Borough.
- 1.2 The Strategy document is attached to this Report.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Members note the background information and key proposals contained within the draft Strategy document.
- 2.2 That Members approve the attached document as the Brent CCTV Strategy.

**3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The Council has an established CCTV Steering Group whose membership includes a number of internal and external partners including the Council's Community Safety Team, and the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS).

- 3.2 The development of this draft Strategy has been informed by input from, and consultation with, these partners and others.
- 3.3 The Strategy seeks to establish a set of objective and evidence-based criteria for determining the future expansion of the CCTV infrastructure where those criteria are not already pre-determined by external funders.
- 3.4 It is intended that the CCTV Steering Group monitor the effectiveness of this Strategy and, if necessary, make future recommendations for improving the Strategy and agreeing annual action plans.
- 3.5 The importance of having an agreed CCTV Strategy is particularly relevant now, given that the Council has committed £135k capital investment per annum, over a four year period for expansion of the CCTV network.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 As indicated at paragraph 3.5, the Council's Budget Proposals for 2007-08 onwards include capital budget provision for the expansion of CCTV cameras. This amounts to £135k per annum for a four year period.
- 4.2 The existing revenue budgets for supporting CCTV operations can be summarised thus:

Direct Employee costs	-	£41,000
CCTV Equipment Maintenance	-	£89,300
BT Line Rentals	-	£42,000
Consultants Fees	-	£35,000
CCTV Monitoring Contract	-	£212,300
Internal Rent	-	£32,000
CCTV Maintenance Income	-	(£50,000)
Other Internal Income	-	(£30,000)

- 4.3 It is important that the revenue support costs for any expansion continue to be provided for in the Council's Revenue Budget, so that there is sufficient budgetary capacity for monitoring and maintenance of cameras.
- 4.4 Revenue costs for new installations in 2007-08 will be minimal due to the lead time for installation, and will be contained within existing budgets.
- 4.5 The additional revenue costs for 2008-09 onwards are estimated at £13.5k per annum and the funding of these costs will be considered during the 2008-09 budget process.

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Council has the power to provide CCTV cameras and associated equipment on any land within its area where it considers that this will promote

the prevention of crime or the welfare of the victims of crime (under section 163 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994). However, where the equipment was to be sited on land which was not public highway or owned by the Council, then the agreement of the landowner to the placing of the equipment would be required. The Council is required to consult the Police before installing the CCTV cameras or apparatus.

- 5.2 Under section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Council has a duty to exercise its various functions with regard to the likely effect on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can, to prevent crime and disorder in its area.
- 5.3 Where this can be justified on planning grounds, the Council can require the provision of CCTV cameras by way of a condition or under a section 106 agreement, when granting planning permission for a new development.
- 5.4 Provision of CCTV for the purposes of traffic management and crowd safety would fall within the Council's powers under section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is incidental to the discharge of any of its functions (with reference to its function of securing safe use of the public highway).
- 5.5 Any procurement of new CCTV cameras and associated maintenance services must be undertaken in compliance with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and the Public Procurement Regulations 2006 (the EU Regulations).
- 5.6 Article 8 in Schedule 1 to the Human Rights Act states that "everyone has the right to respect for his private and family life, his home and his correspondence". The use of CCTV could potentially constitute interference with a person's "private life". However, paragraph 2 of Article 8 permits such interference where this is in accordance with the law and is necessary in a democratic society in the interests of (inter alia) public safety, the prevention of crime and disorder or the protection of the rights and freedoms of others. Provision of CCTV under the powers referred to in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.4 above is clearly "in accordance with the law". The purposes for which CCTV is used as referred to in the Strategy are considered to fall within paragraph 2 of Article 8 but the Council would need to ensure that any future use can be justified as an interference with Article 8 rights.

## **6.0 Diversity Implications**

- 6.1 Officers have screened the proposals set out in this Report and the draft Strategy and consider that there are no significant diversity implications.

## **7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)**

- 7.1 None

## Background Papers

- CCTV Strategy document
- Brent's Corporate Strategy 2006-2010

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