

## EXTENSIONS TO THE NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CCTV SYSTEM

### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Since 2002, New Forest District Council has had public CCTV systems in the following areas:
- Lymington 17 cameras
  - Totton 12 cameras
  - Ringwood 11 cameras
  - Lyndhurst 1 camera
- 1.2 The original study in 2001 recommended the above areas and was based on a crime analysis of the New Forest area. The study also recommended three other locations, namely Hythe, New Milton and Fordingbridge. Installation at these locations could not be met due to financial constraints.
- 1.3 In June 2007, the Leader of New Forest District Council tasked officers to examine the future expansion of the existing CCTV system in terms of cost and location.
- 1.4 An analysis of crime/disorder issues in the New Forest area was carried out for August 2006 to August 2007 by the Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership analyst. The findings reinforce the original survey conducted in 2001 to show that Hythe and New Milton would be the primary choices for camera locations in terms of effectiveness and economy for the number of camera installations required in any one area.

### 2. RESULTS AND STATISTICAL MONITORING OF CCTV PERFORMANCE

- 2.1 The high quality of the NFDC CCTV system meets evidential criteria.
- 2.2 The CCTV Unit produces and circulates monthly statistical data on incidents that can be directly attributable to the CCTV system and operators. Each set of monthly statistics is accompanied by a two or three page narrative outlining some of the more noteworthy/interesting/unusual incidents – examples of which are detailed below:
- Complete video footage of public disorder incident resulting in a serious assault on a police officer in Lymington - the offender pleaded guilty and was convicted as a result of the CCTV footage
  - Arrest of a dedicated shop lifting team
  - Tracing vulnerable missing persons before harm came to them
  - Alerting police to traffic problems
  - Alerting police to potential/suspected firearms incidents
- 2.3 The yearly collation of incidents per category for 2007 is shown at Appendix 1 as an example of the range of incidents and results that can be attributed to CCTV.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The capital cost to install CCTV at any location varies depending on a number of factors, including transmission hubs, availability of existing transmission links, availability of spare recording capacity, configuring Appletree Court Control Room, costs for BT & CCTV contractors, consultancy advice, number of cameras, type of cameras and locations.
- 3.2 Revenue costs depend on transmission distances from the control room and maintenance contracts for the amount of new equipment installed.
- 3.3 NFDC is currently negotiating an EU tender to renew the current maintenance contract for the existing CCTV system which will be completed in June/July 2008. This tender also has an additional compulsory option for the contractor to include a menu of costs for additional camera installations during the five years of the new maintenance contract. This will ensure that the most competitive cost is obtained for any new installations.
- 3.4 Currently Town and Parish Councils benefitting from CCTV coverage are asked to pay annual contributions towards the revenue costs based on the number of cameras, transmission costs, operator cover and other on costs. It is proposed that any extensions to the system would require the Town and Parish Councils who benefit to make contractual payments similar to those being paid at present.
- 3.5 It is estimated that £300k would provide 8 to 10 cameras over the two locations of Hythe and New Milton (4 or 5 in each area). Revenue costs are estimated at £2500 per camera per year. Exact costs can only be determined after the tender is complete, precise camera locations have been established and a final consultancy specification has been obtained for the final camera locations.

### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no environmental implications directly arising as a result of this report.

### **5. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The objectives of the New Forest District Council CCTV System have been determined by the New Forest Community Safety Partnership in 2002. The objectives are:

To help reduce the fear of crime

To help deter crime

To help detect crime and provide evidential material for court proceedings.

To assist in the overall management of the areas covered by the public CCTV system

To enhance community safety, assist in developing the economic well being of the New Forest area and encourage greater use of the Town Centres, shops, car parks, community and Tourist facilities.

To assist the Local Authority in its enforcement and regulatory functions

To assist in Traffic Management.

To assist in supporting civil proceedings which will help detect crime.

To reduce incidents of public disorder and anti-social behaviour

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising as a result of this report.

## **7. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS COMMENTS**

- 7.1 The areas of Hythe and New Milton were identified in the original CCTV survey in 2001 and now in 2008 as areas being worthy of public CCTV coverage. Should the Council approve the expansion of CCTV into those areas then the monies spent will provide the best value returns for meeting this Council's aim of improving social well being.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 8.1 That the Cabinet be recommended to agree:-
- (i) The approval in principle of the project to expand the public CCTV system into the areas of Hythe and New Milton;
  - (ii) Establishing the capital sum needed for the expansion project to proceed;
  - (iii) Authorising officers to consult with interested parties and consultants regarding the exact placement of cameras within the areas of Hythe and New Milton; and
  - (iv) Authorising officers to contractually agree with the respective Town Councils contributions towards yearly revenue costs before installations take place

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### **Background Papers:**



## CCTV MONITORING CENTRE

**1st January to 31st December 2007**



INCIDENT TYPE	TOTAL Number	CCTV Originated	Police Arrests	CCTV Arrests	Process/ Summons	Intel. Reports
Abduction	2	1				
Anti-Social Behaviour	105	44	11	8	6	23
Arson	7					
Assault	125	20	13	24		9
Assist Police	107	2	6	1		13
Auto-Crime	19		3	1		1
Blackmail	1			1		
Breach of ASBO/Bail Conditions	5	2	1			2
Burglary	54		4	1		1
Car fire	1	1				1
Concern for welfare	82	18	7	8		7
Damage	102	13	8	8		8
Disturbance	56	11	9	2		14
Drink/Drugs	20	5	4	4		6
Driving Offences	3	2			1	
False Imprisonment	1					
Firearms Offences	4	2	2			
Indecency/Rape/Assaults	8					
Mental Health	1		1			
Missing Persons	7	1		3		
Offensive Weapon	1					
Other	21	12				6
Prisoner escapee	1					
RIPA						
Robbery	9					
Road Traffic Incidents	59	6	1			4
Serious Crime	1					1
Sudden Death	2					
Suspicious Behaviour	83	33	3	4		24
Theft	207	52	8	26	1	15
Threats to kill	1					
Wanted Persons	5	4		4		1

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>136</b>
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Occurrences:	Police 871	CCTV 229	Total: 1,100
Arrests on camera:	Police 81	CCTV 95	Total: 176

**CCTV: initiated 21% of occurrences recorded on digital logging system, and effected 54% of arrests on camera**