

CCTV

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Summary

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the current and proposed CCTV coverage in Uttlesford.

Recommendations

- 2 Members review and note the report.

Background Papers

- 3 The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report:

UDC initial CCTV installation contract/draft copies of other relevant papers.

Communication/Consultation	Communication/Consultation with numerous local authorities, CCTV companies and Essex Police.
Community Safety	Provision for Crime and Disorder/anti-social behaviour
Equalities	None
Finance	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal implications	Possible implications re: RIPA and/or data protection
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	Great Dunmow, Saffron Walden and Stansted Mountfitchet
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

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- 4 At the present moment in time there are a total of 27 public space CCTV cameras across the Uttlesford district. They are situated as follows:

Saffron Walden	17
Great Dunmow	6 (to be increased to 7)
Stansted Mountfitchet	4

- 5 Saffron Walden was the first town in the Uttlesford district to install a CCTV system which was approximately 10 years ago, when 3 CCTV cameras were initially installed.
- 6 A couple of years later Uttlesford District Council was awarded unmatched funding for additional cameras in Saffron Walden and the installation of cameras in Great Dunmow and Stansted. The funding was to be used to counter car park crime and as a result, a total of 7 UDC owned car parks were provided with CCTV coverage.
- 7 Additional cameras were located at various crime and disorder hot spots within the three aforementioned towns. Since then Saffron Walden has had an additional 9 cameras integrated into the system. Saffron Walden Town Council have since taken ownership of this system with a further 5 CCTV cameras being added to the system. There is also a stand alone system protecting the American war memorial at the Anglo American playing fields.
- 8 Newport Parish Council has a stand alone CCTV system covering the village playing field, hall etc.
- 9 Felsted Parish Council is currently considering installing CCTV cameras within the village. Representatives of the Parish Council have been advised that it is proposed to renew the system in Great Dunmow and that if the same company is being considered then there may be the opportunity to achieve a discount by linking together.
- 10 As some of the cameras in Saffron Walden were being run by UDC and others by the Saffron Walden Town Council, it was agreed that all of the CCTV cameras in Saffron Walden should be handed over to the Town Council who now run the system.
- 11 The town and parish councils at Saffron Walden, Great Dunmow and Stansted all contribute to the annual running costs
- 12 It is intended that the current CCTV system in Great Dunmow will be replaced with a wireless system once all the necessary compliance issues have been resolved along with the agreed protocols, codes of practice and individual camera operational requirements etc. The reason for replacement at this time is that the monitoring/control room is being moved to the Great Dunmow Town Council Offices.

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- 13 There are at present 4 CCTV companies who have expressed a major interest in supplying the new wireless CCTV system for Great Dunmow. District Council Officers and the Police Crime Prevention Officer have met with representatives from these companies who have agreed to provide trial cameras in pre-arranged locations in Great Dunmow, in an effort to establish suitability and examine the image and reproduction quality. This is all being evaluated and, as already mentioned, once this and all the compliance and other related issues have been completed these companies will be invited to submit a tender for provision of a new system in Great Dunmow.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
UDC fails to provide/maintain adequate CCTV coverage Risk of Crime & Disorder/anti social behaviour/evidence not being obtained	1	2	Systems in place to prevent this occurring. UDC/Essex Police will regularly meet/appraise/check systems

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.