

Title: CCTV programme

Information/Discussion Report:

Recommendations: The DMC considers the report

Report Summary: The DMC Chairs requested an update on the programme and how estates without CCTV would be considered for addition to the network.

1. Background

- 1.1 The work to renew the CCTV network continues at pace. The programme is funded by tenant and leaseholder service charges.
- 1.2 The new cameras are high definition and are connected directly to the control centre so we are no longer reliant on local recording.
- 1.3 DMC Chairs have asked about how estates without CCTV might be added to the network over time. This paper sets out the considerations.

Overall position on the new network

- 1.4 Of the 55 estates that were identified for upgrade, 23 (42%) estates have already been completed. In total, there were 612 old cameras at project commencement and 408 of the 612 old cameras have already been upgraded. This equates to 77% of cameras being replaced.
- 1.5 The current projection is for 700 new cameras to be installed in total, an additional 88 cameras on top of initial camera count, these have been added where better coverage is required. For example, on the Regents Park estates 38 additional cameras alone were needed.
- 1.6 Additional cameras may also be required on the complex estates still being delivered, for example Alexandra and Ainsworth, Rowley Way, Maiden Lane and the Abbey estates. These larger estates often require upgrades to electrical infrastructure and this takes additional time to co-ordinate.
- 1.7 In terms of monitoring, a monthly report is generated and shared with the relevant Cabinet Members and posted on the Council's website each month.

Camden's CCTV policy and approach to assessing requirements

1.8 The Council operates CCTV surveillance for the purpose of detecting and deterring crime, public disorder, anti-social behaviour and ensuring the safety and security of employees, members of the public, buildings and assets.

1.9 When new installations are considered the Council asks questions including:

- Are there other effective, less intrusive methods available or could appropriate safeguards be put in place if no other option is available
- Would its use be proportionate and justifiable
- Is it technically and logistically possible to install cameras in the locations requested
- Would the installation of the cameras deliver the specific priorities (pressing need) of the Camden Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
- Is there community support for the installation – have the relevant consents been taken in relation to the processing of sensitive/personal data which might be captured by the proposed CCTV

Funding installations

1.10 The current network renewal is funded through service charges to tenants and leaseholders. These charges were based on an assessment of upgrading the existing network. Residents on the network pay a CCTV maintenance charge of £1.14 a week and when the new cameras have been installed pay an additional charge of £1.12 a week for 7 years.

1.11 For estates not currently on the network, should the questions in 1.9 be satisfied, a quotation would need to be obtained and confirmation sought from finance colleagues on the Council's ability to forward fund the installation(s) when weighed alongside other priorities.

1.12 If the funding can be accommodated then tenants and leaseholders would need to be consulted on the service charge that would be levied for the installation on their estate.

2 Next steps

2.1 DMCs are asked to note the report. TRAs who would like to explore CCTV installation should raise this at their DMC meetings so that Community Safety colleagues can first consider the questions as set out above, ahead of any financial analysis.

Report Ends