

**Report of : Director Neighbourhoods and Housing**

**Report to: Inner East Area Committee**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Subject: Leedswatch – CCTV Delegated Function Update Report**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

**1 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To provide further information requested in relation to a previous report submitted in June 2011 on the provision of the council public space surveillance CCTV camera locations in the Inner East Area Committee where there are specific cost implications for the Inner East Area Committee.

**2 Background information**

- 2.1 Leedswatch' provides a monitoring service for public space surveillance cameras covering open spaces across Leeds. The CCTV control room is staffed, and cameras are recorded 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. The service also provides two mobile CCTV vehicles for deployment within communities across Leeds.
- 2.2 The main objective of the service is to reduce crime and the fear of crime through the use of CCTV technology, leading to improved crime prevention, and an increase in the detection and prosecution of offenders.
- 2.3 CCTV is one of a number of Service functions delegated to Area Committees. The Area Committee's role in relation to this function is to 'maintain an overview of the service in the Committee area and receive regular information about it.'

- 2.4 The LeedsWatch service works in partnership with a large number of internal and external partners such as; Urban Traffic Control (UTC), Emergency Planning, Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT), West Yorkshire Police, WY METRO and other Local Authorities across the West Yorkshire sub-region.

### 3 Main issues

- 3.1 Over the past two years, the LeedsWatch service has undergone significant structural and operational changes. During this time, the Council and its partner, West Yorkshire Integrated Passenger Transport Agency (WYIPA - METRO), have invested over £1.5m of capital resources to improve the technical capacity of the CCTV control room to the South of the city centre.
- 3.2 In addition to monitoring public space CCTV cameras across the city, the monitoring of all METRO bus stations across the West Yorkshire region, is now delivered from the LeedsWatch control room.
- 3.3 The increase in technical capacity will allow the LeedsWatch service to take on more monitoring contracts and help consolidate CCTV provision across the Council, providing a more consistent and joined up service for local residents and businesses. It will also open up new opportunities to contract for the delivery of services to external organisations, creating new income streams to support the service's longer term sustainability, and improve value for money and efficiency.
- 3.4 In April 2011, the remit of LeedsWatch was expanded to take on the delivery of a range of services previously delivered via Commercial and Environmental Services. These include:
- Monitoring of alarm calls
  - Care Ring – first response service for vulnerable individuals
  - Lone worker monitoring
  - Out of Hours Noise Nuisance (transferred May 2011)
- 3.5 LeedsWatch (CCTV) Delivery in the Inner East Committee Area
- 3.6 There are currently 50 camera's monitoring the Inner East Area, via the Central CCTV Control Room at Middleton, they consist as follows:
- 31 cameras within the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward
  - 9 cameras in Gipton and Harehills Ward
  - 10 camera in Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward
- 3.7 The table below gives a breakdown of the actual annual running costs per camera, within the Inner East Area part funded by the Area Committee. The cost is allocated 50 / 50 between the Community Safety service and the Area Committee excluding BT and electricity costs.

Cam No	BT Network	Maintenance	YEDL	Monitoring	Total
41 Fraser St	£847.80	£500	£350	£1,000	
42 Torre Rd 1	£782.10	£500	£350	£1,000	
43 Torre Rd 2	£686.70	£500	£350	£1,000	
44 York Rd	£715.50	£500	£350	£1,000	
Bellbrookes 312	N / A	£500	£350	£1,000	
313 Seacroft Front	N / A	£500	£350	£1,000	
314 Seacroft Rear	N / A	£500	£350	£1,000	
<b>Total annual running cost</b>					<b>£19,482.1</b>
<b>Cost to Community Safety Service</b>					<b>£8,225</b>
<b>Cost to Outer South Area Committee</b>					<b>£11,257.1</b>

## 4 Corporate Considerations

### 4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 The Leedswatch service works in close partnership with West Yorkshire Police and attends PACT and relevant community meetings as and when required.
- 4.1.2 Weekly reports are produced and forwarded to all 99 Members and other appropriate officers, to inform them of activity / arrests within each of the 3 police policing Basic Command Unit (BCU) areas.
- 4.1.3 When seeking to fund a new CCTV installation or additional cameras, community consultation is undertaken to support the process. CCTV must be regarded as part of an overall strategy in the prevention and detection of crime and allaying the fear of. It cannot be used as a standalone tool, but one that complements activity of other agencies and the police.
- 4.1.4 Communities can play an active role in influencing the installation of CCTV cameras and the deployment of the mobile CCTV vans through partnership meetings, residents groups, Neighbourhood Policing Team meetings or by speaking directly to Councillors.

### 4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 Access to members of the public into the CCTV control room is not allowed for security reasons.
- 4.2.2 The Community Safety Service Plan plays a key role in contributing to the delivery of the Councils Equality and Diversity Strategy.
- 4.2.3 The LeedsWatch service fully complies with Equality legislation in its working practices. In addition, the service also complies with a strict Code of Practice with covers the following Government and EU legislation:
- The 'Data Protection Act'
  - Human Rights legislation
  - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)
  - The Private Security Industry Act 2001.

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

- 4.3.1 The service aims to deliver an effective CCTV service which reduces crime and the fear of crime, leading to improved crime prevention, and an increase in the detection and prosecution of offenders. Through the successful delivery of the service, it contributes to the delivery of the following Council policies and City Priority Plans:
- Council Business Plan 2011-2015
  - Safer and Stronger City Priority Plan
  - Area Committee Business Plans
  - Safer Leeds Plan
  - Safer Leeds Service Plan

### **4.4 Resources and value for money**

- 4.4.1 The CCTV service costs £19,482.1 within the Inner East Area Committee per annum to run. The contribution provided by the Inner East Area Committee is outlined in section 3.7 of this report.
- 4.4.2 The service is considered to provide value for money. However, the service is currently undergoing a review, which will aim to improve value for money through the realignment of resources to ensure these are maximised.
- 4.4.3 In addition, work taking place to better join up the service to the LASBT, ALMO's and other service areas, will led to improved outcomes for local people through a more pro-active approach to dealing with criminal activity across the city.

### **4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

- 4.5.1 The LeedsWatch service fully complies with relevant legislation in its working practices. It complies with a strict Code of Practice with covers the following Government and EU legislation:
- The 'Data Protection Act'
  - Human Rights legislation
  - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)

- The Private Security Industry Act 2001.

4.5.2 The Private Security Industry Act ensures that all CCTV staff are security vetted, trained and licensed by the Security Industry Authority (SIA) to operate the public space surveillance cameras.

4.5.3 This report is for information only and is therefore not subject to call In.

#### **4.6 Risk Management**

4.6.1 Risk management assessments are undertaken on a daily basis within Leedswatch, to ensure that all possible issues relating to risk are identified and mitigated.

### **5 Recommendations**

5.1 The Area Committee is asked to :

5.1.1 Note the work that has taken place over the last 6 months through the Leedswatch Service to support crime reduction and improve public safety within the committee area.

5.1.2 Request that the Area committee continue to fund the CCTV cameras as highlighted in the chart at 3.7 above. In particular the funding for the Bellbrooke camera needs to be addressed as funding was agreed last year for a further year to be reviewed again this financial year in December.

### **6 Background documents**

6.1 Nil