



SaferMK Partnership Discussion and Decision Report

Subject: Public Place CCTV

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1. **Purpose of report – Please mark (X) the boxes that are relevant to the report**

SAFERMK PRIORITIES

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| Improving road safety by reducing the number of accidents and the severity of the collisions to individuals. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reducing the number of violent incidences | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tackling and enforcing substance misuse | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Enhance community engagement to reduce fear of crime | <input type="checkbox"/> |

OTHER STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

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| Anti-Social Behaviour | <input type="checkbox"/> | Reducing Reoffending | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prevent | <input type="checkbox"/> | Police and Crime Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An item under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 that supports the delivery of crime reduction and addressing community safety concerns (please state below) | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Public Place CCTV – reduce crime and the fear of crime

2. **Brief introduction**

- 2.1 There has been a Partnership agreement for Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) in Milton Keynes since 1998. In 2011 following investment into a new CCTV facility from Milton Keynes Council, it was agreed that SaferMK would have oversight of the CCTV system through a joint Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes Council Lead.
- 2.2 Over the past 2 years CCTV has undergone a Thames Valley region wide review conducted by Thames Valley Police, the current setup

across the Thames Valley Force is fragmented including operational differences, financial contributions and staffing levels. Thames Valley Police commenced a review at the request of the Chief Constable and the review was formally presented in September 2015.

- 2.3 The review outcome has a number of implications for Milton Keynes including a reduction of funding to support CCTV locally.
- 2.4 The review has created an opportunity for a county hub in Milton Keynes and provides further opportunities to explore how CCTV is delivered and the potential to generate income to support the future sustainability of CCTV.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the presentation on the current status of the Thames Valley Police CCTV review be noted.
- 3.2 That the establishment of a Partnership CCTV group to oversee CCTV consisting of the Director of Place, Head of Community Safety both from Milton Keynes Council, the Deputy Local Police Area Commander and the Partnership and Performance Inspector from Thames Valley Police be supported.
- 3.3 That the development and implementation of a hub model which would further establish the opportunity to explore additional income streams to ensure future operation and investment of the system be supported.

4. Comments/Recommendations from the Scrutiny Management Committee

- 4.1 A CCTV review Group was established in 2014, the report paper was presented at the June 2015 meeting. The report can be found here: [Report of the CCTV Review group \(May 2015\)](#).

5. Background

- 5.1 The CCTV Command Suite at Milton Keynes Police Station became operational in August 2011. The capital project cost £692.721 with the majority being paid through grant funding. The previous CCTV control room was established in 1998.
- 5.2 Locally Milton Keynes CCTV Command Suite has different arrangements than other CCTV rooms in Thames Valley. Thames Valley Police (TVP) provides 100% of the staff costs which are around £210k p/a, MKC oversee the maintenance contract and budget circa £50k p/a. In other areas the CCTV control room is managed by Local Authorities, with some input towards staff cost from TVP.
- 5.3 Milton Keynes Council owns the CCTV monitoring equipment and the majority of cameras connected to it.

5.4 At a SaferMK Partnership meeting in 2011, it was agreed that the responsibility of public place CCTV sat with the Partnership.

6. Implications to SaferMK Partnership

6.1 There is no statutory responsibility to have a CCTV system operating in Milton Keynes. However, CCTV is widely seen as a useful tool in the prevention and detection of crime.

6.2 CCTV has provided support to a number of Partnership activities.

6.3 A Scrutiny Management Committee on 24 June 2015 acknowledged the benefit of CCTV for Milton Keynes and its residents and visitors.

7. Attachments/Background Papers

7.1 Report of the CCTV Review group (May 2015). Link: [Report of the CCTV Review group \(May 2015\)](#).