

CCTV REVIEW AND UPDATE

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Executive Summary

To receive an oral update on the current status of CCTV in Milton Keynes.

A review group for CCTV was established by the Community Safety, Crime and Policing Committee in 2013/14. There has been a request by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee to recommence the review.

CCTV is currently under review by both Thames Valley Police and Milton Keynes Council, 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 this report is due Autumn 2014.

Background

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.

Locally Milton Keynes CCTV Command Suite has different arrangements than other CCTV rooms in Thames Valley. TVP provides 100% of the staff costs which are around £210k p/a, MKC oversee the maintenance contract and budget circa £40k p/a. In other areas the CCTV control room is managed by Local Authorities, with some input towards staff cost from TVP.

Milton Keynes Council owns the CCTV monitoring equipment and the majority of cameras connected to it. The CCTV Command Suite is based within the central Milton Keynes Police Station.

Key issues

- Thames Valley Police are currently carrying out a review of CCTV across the region, which is fragmented across the Force. Thames Valley Police wish to explore better ways of working across Local Authorities.
- The CCTV Command Suite system is currently working below system capacity but above personnel capacity
- The project provided Milton Keynes with the infrastructure to deliver a service wider than Milton Keynes.
- As part of the project, space allocation was built in to the design in respect of a growing Milton Keynes population. The Command Suite can allow for more personnel, more capacity to the system and has the space to fulfil a larger operational demand.

- Milton Keynes CCTV is used both for prevention and detection with the Command Suite recognised as a vital resource to TVP and partners at a local level.

Progress to date (if applicable)

The Overview and Scrutiny CCTV review group was established in December 2013 to review CCTV in Milton Keynes. This has included visits to the Command Suite.

Link to the CCTV review group and terms of reference can be found by following this link:
<http://cmis.milton-keynes.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/CommitteeDetails.aspx?committeeID=2524>

Points to highlight

There has been a delay in the final report from Thames Valley Police, SaferMK support team have been involved both on a regional, and County and local level with the review and the recommendations which will come from it. There is likely to be a number of key decisions to be made by Milton Keynes Council and the Community Safety Partnership moving forward; including development and use of the infrastructure and Command Suite in the future.