

**CCTV OPERATIONS – SHARED SERVICE PROPOSAL
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being))**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its meeting held on 2nd July 2013, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) considered a report by the Head of Operations seeking in principle approval for establishing a joint CCTV shared service with Cambridge City Council.

2. THE PANEL'S DISCUSSIONS

2.1 The proposal refers to the business case for a shared service with Cambridge City Council. On the basis of the analysis that has been carried out to date the service is likely operate under a single management structure from the CCTV Control Room at Eastfield House and is expected to generate around £200,000 of savings per year to be shared equally between the two authorities. Whilst the assets will remain the responsibility of the relevant authority the new body will be responsible for the monitoring of images.

2.2 Wireless technology could enable the new service to generate additional income through commercial contracts. This and other opportunities in both the private and public sectors to improve the service's financial performance will be explored once the shared service has been established.

2.3 In total there will initially be 14 members of staff in the shared service. It is intended to review the structure of the service once it has been established. Consultations with Trade Unions and other relevant bodies will be undertaken.

2.4 The Panel is concerned over the financial implications for the Council of the transfer of staff from the City to the District Council. Whilst detailed work has yet to be undertaken on this element of the proposals, a number of safeguards have been identified to protect the interests of Huntingdonshire. Nevertheless, Members have sought assurances that the full impact of the change should be incorporated fully into the business plan.

2.5 It is expected that the CCTV Control Room at Eastfield House will have to be reconfigured to provide sufficient screens to cover the two Council areas. There is capacity on site to undertake the necessary adaptive works and further expansion in the future could be accommodated. There will be no reduction in CCTV coverage of Huntingdonshire from the present level and the shared service should result in improved consistency and resilience of the service.

2.6 The Panel strongly supports the recommendations contained within the report by the Head of Operations and has requested that if the shared service proceeds, a regular report is submitted to Overview and Scrutiny Members on its operational and financial performance.

3. RECOMMENDATION

3.1 The Cabinet is invited to take into account the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) as part of its deliberations on the report by the Head of Operations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Minutes and Reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being) held on 2nd July 2013.

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