

Feasibility Study on the Provision of Town Centre Public Area CCTV	12 September 2017
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	Embrace new technologies to bring better experiences for citizens and visitors
Lead Officer	Town & Village Manager
Cost: (if applicable)	£8210 net

The purpose of this report is to inform the Councillors on a Feasibility Study on the Provision of Town Centre Public Area CCTV for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council currently under development

Background

Following a tender process in June 2017, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council has employed Initiatec Ltd in conjunction with Consultive Solutions Ltd to conduct a Feasibility Study on the provision of Town Centre Public Area CCTV for the Borough.

Town Centre Public Area CCTV and Village Public Area CCTV currently or previously funded by the legacy councils cover the following areas:

Towns:

- Coleraine.
- Ballycastle.
- Ballymoney.
- Portrush.
- Portstewart.

Villages:

- Garvagh.
- Kilrea.
- Castlerock.

There are currently no cameras in Limavady.

Moyle District Council developed proposals to install cameras in Bushmills, but this intention was not actioned.

Overview of the current provision is as follows:

- There is a mixture of type and operation of Public Area CCTV across the Borough which includes WiFi and Fibre Optic transmission.
- Outside organisation Safer Causeway operate the CCTV provision in Coleraine, Portrush and Portstewart under a service level agreement with Council. Safer Causeway employ B&E Security Systems to monitor live 48hrs per week at agreed times under a contract/SLA. Monitoring reports are compiled monthly.

Issues:

- Lack of clarity on provision, use, cost of the systems outside of Safer Causeway Provision.
- Future costs / needs.

The study will enable Council to make informed decisions on the future provision of Town Centre Public Area CCTV for the Borough to ensure best fit for the next 10 years.

Project Outputs

The Feasibility Study will include the following:

1. Will independently evaluate the current provision, what is needed and where based on figures from PSNI and current monitoring. Emphasis on what is needed and the capability of current capital equipment and future needs.

Evaluation of each type of current provision should be based on the following 3 aspects:

IMPACT	What difference has the scheme made?
EVIDENCE	How do you know if it has made a difference?
ASSESSMENT	Was it worth it?

2. Market Research and Consultation on available CCTV system operations.
3. Location SWOT analysis.
4. Provide costed options and recommendations in relation to the way forward and the subsequent ramifications for the Borough as a whole and specifically:
 - a. Keep current provisions as is.
 - b. Collate all the various systems across the Borough keeping the existing hardware.
 - c. Mixture of WiFi and Fibre Optic System.
 - d. Provide Public Area CCTV across the Borough with a completely new system.
 - e. Council stop Public area CCTV provision.

The consultants are also required to deliver a presentation to Councillors and relevant project management team following completion of the study.

Next Steps

The findings of the feasibility study will be presented along with the options for consideration prior to presentation of final report at L&D Committee.