

Public Space CCTV Strategy 2013-2018



AIM(S)

To enhance community safety, assist in developing the economic wellbeing of the Borough and encourage greater use of the Town Centre, Estates and car parks.

PRIORITIES

PRIORITY 1 – To review the current provision of public space CCTV to ensure it continues to meet the requirements of the community, the Council and partner agencies

PRIORITY 2 – To ensure that all fixed and mobile CCTV is being used cost effectively and to its full advantage by reviewing, monitoring and continuing to investigate new and developing technology solutions, including but not limited to vehicle mounted cameras, body cameras and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras.

PRIORITY 3 – To work in partnership with retailers, licensees and businesses to improve the feelings of safety and reduce opportunities to commit crime in shopping areas across the Borough

PRIORITY 4 – To ensure CCTV installed in Council managed housing estates reduces opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour and makes residents and their visitors feel safer.

PRIORITY 5 – To support the development of Council car parks to achieve the Park Mark Secure Parking standard.

GOVERNANCE

The CCTV Strategic Group will monitor the delivery of the Strategy and Delivery Plan.

The CCTV Strategic Group have developed a process to assess suitability for deployment of a new camera which follows four distinct areas:

Evaluation – are CCTV cameras the appropriate response to the issues?

Environment – is physically possible to install and monitor cameras

Engagement – establish support from the local community

Enforcement – To ensure enforcement activity continues following installation

FACTS & FIGURES

The cost of installing a single CCTV camera is usually £25,000 plus an additional £2,500 per annum in maintenance, electricity and transmission costs.

The cost of installing and maintaining CCTV cameras against a lack of a defined funding stream means that a suitable process to decide to install one is important, to ensure that the deployment of CCTV is effective.

The Protection of Freedom Act 2012 has set out a number of recommendations in relation to CCTV. Changes have been made to existing legislation such as the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 which changed the way CCTV is used by local authorities.

MONITORING EVALUATION

This Strategy will have been successful if it aids a reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour in targeted areas (including Estates), and if it helps the Council achieve the Park Mark Secure Parking standard.

RESOURCES

There is no longer a defined funding stream for CCTV, however, in the last five years additional cameras have been funded from various sources, including Transport for London and Regeneration projects.

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REVIEW DATE

The Strategy will be reviewed in 2018.

