

# Culture and Communities Committee

10am, Tuesday, 26 January 2021

## Public Realm CCTV Update

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To approve the update of the multi-agency project board for the upgrade of the Public Realm CCTV service in Edinburgh.
- 1.2 To request an update on the Public Realm CCTV upgrade project progress in nine months' time.

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# Culture and Communities Committee Report

## Public Realm CCTV Service

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report seeks to present an update on the progress made towards developing the Public Realm CCTV service in Edinburgh.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The City of Edinburgh Council operates a CCTV camera estate across the public realm, housing blocks, the transport network, and Council buildings. Provision of CCTV services is non-statutory, and the service is provided to support public safety and security, including the prevention and detection of crime.
- 3.2 An internal audit review of CCTV infrastructure conducted in 2017/18, included a recommendation for the creation of a corporate plan for CCTV to ensure that all CCTV operations across the Council are managed efficiently, consistently, and are legislatively compliant.
- 3.3 Significant investment is required across the public realm CCTV estate to establish an effective and efficient service. The current analogue systems have surpassed the end of their serviceable life expectancy, particularly given the shift in technology from analogue to digital/internet protocol (IP).
- 3.4 The Public Realm CCTV upgrade requires to be future proofed for any developments in the Smart City Operations Centre programme within the Council, to which the service area would be integrated.
- 3.5 The upgrade project successfully submitted a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) bid as part of the 8<sup>th</sup> City Programme; Scottish Cities Alliance smart cities initiative. This bid revolves around the upgrade of public safety infrastructure, for developing a 'Smart City'. The proposal was approved, and the ERDF project will span across 2019-2022. The amount requested from ERDF is £712,000 (40%), with £1,068,000 (60%) being match funded from the capital budget allocation for the CCTV upgrade. This project is currently being aligned with the Smart City Operation Centre Programme.

## 4. Main report

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### European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) project

- 4.1 The ERDF CCTV upgrade project is underway, with Technical Consultants supporting the development of a Specification of Requirements. The consultant shall give consideration to all elements of upgrading the Public Realm CCTV service, including the key components: cameras, transmission and video management system (VMS). Furthermore, data protections, cyber security and civils works considerations are part of the project and will need to be included within the specification. The intention is to claim 40% of this consultancy contract against the ERDF monies.
- 4.2 Significant auditing of the public realm CCTV system has taken place and the impact of the upgrade on stakeholder systems, notably Police Scotland, is being mapped out for a suitable working solution in the future.
- 4.3 Cross-organisational activity is taking place to ensure that the project is aligned with the Smart City ambitions within the Council. The service area features within the Digital and Smart City Strategy 2020 – 2023 and the upgrade project is a part of the Smart City Operations Centre Programme board. This ensures that opportunities to integrate technology across the organisation where possible are acted upon.
- 4.4 A separate contract, the ‘Transmission Survey’, has been completed and produced a report which provides the project team greater understanding of the transmission element of the specification of requirements document. Due to COVID-19 related pressures in the industry this work package was completed behind schedule and has since impacted the timescales of the upgrade project.
- 4.5 Revised upcoming milestones within the project are outlined below:

Tender Publication	February 2021
Tender Evaluations	May 2021
Committee Approval	August 2021
Contract Award	September 2021
Implementation of Upgrade	September 2021 – September 2022

### **Saughton Park**

- 4.6 The Council has a requirement to install a CCTV system of 13 cameras at Saughton Park linked to the Central Monitoring Facility (CMF) at the City Chambers, to protect the £8 million refurbishment completed at the Park in 2019.

- 4.7 The contract for these works has been awarded and planning stage completed. Following COVID-19 related delays, the installation of the new system within the park is due to begin in January 2021.
- 4.8 The new system for the park will be integrated with the larger CCTV upgrade project, ensuring that the current investment in the park is part of the wider system in due course.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 The continued implementation of the project plan and timeline for the upgrade of the Public Realm CCTV, in adherence to the ERDF 8<sup>th</sup> City Programme; notably publishing the upcoming tender in February 2021.
- 5.3 The implementation of the Saughton Park CCTV system installation.
- 5.5 Continued cross-departmental co-ordination towards the development of the Smart City Operations Centre.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The project intends to reduce maintenance costs of the new public realm CCTV system.
- 6.2 The Technical Consultant contract advising the project is partly match funded (40%) by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).
- 6.3 The Transmission Survey contract which has been recently completed is partly match funded (40%) by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 The provision of these CCTV services extends to Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, as recipients of CCTV feeds at their satellite sites. The project board works closely with all stakeholders to ensure that the benefits of the upgrade improve service delivery for all partners involved.
- 7.2 This project will bring a smart, integrated approach to city monitoring and management for Edinburgh. This capability will enable Edinburgh to develop a proactive rather than reactive management response to events and incidents in the city. The new system will be able to streamline workflow so that operators can manage public safety incidents and co-ordinate with key stakeholders such as Police Scotland more efficiently to secure better outcomes for the public.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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8.1 N/A

## **9. Appendices**

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9.1 None