

## REPORT OF THE CCTV IN-DEPTH SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

Scrutiny Committee - 13 July 2021

**Report of:** Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Officer - Customer & Resources

**Status:** For Consideration

**Key Decision:** No

**Executive Summary:** This item is for the Committee to receive the report of the Members working group on the effectiveness of the CCTV service in supporting the Community Safety theme within the Council plan, as well as impact on privacy.

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**Recommendation to Scrutiny Committee:**

That the Scrutiny Committee consider the report and work of the In-Depth Scrutiny Working Group and if necessary, make appropriate recommendations or feedback to Cabinet.

**Reason for recommendation:** To progress the recommendations of the Member working group.

### Introduction and Background

- 1 An In-Depth Scrutiny Working Group was established to evaluate the effectiveness of the Council's CCTV service in supporting the Community Safety theme of the Council's Plan and its impact on privacy.
- 2 The working group considered the number and location of CCTV cameras provided across the District and their effectiveness in meeting the aims of the CCTV Service; the impact of General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and recovery costs.
- 3 The working group is made up of the following members of the Scrutiny Committee:
  - Cllr Pender (Chairman)
  - Cllr Ball
  - Cllr Kitchener
  - Cllr Purves
- 4 The conclusions and recommendations of the working group are set out on page 22 of the report.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

Sevenoaks District Council operates within a balanced, 10 year budget. Any recommendations would therefore need to be subject to further investigation to remain within the current allocated budgets.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment

No relevant legal implications or Risk Assessment

### Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

### **Appendices**

Report of the CCTV In-Depth Scrutiny Working Group

Appendix 1 - Briefing Note on Financial Costs of the Service

Appendix 2 - Locations of Sevenoaks District Council Cameras

Appendix 3 - Note from Crown Prosecution Service website on the scope of prosecution costs

Appendix 4 - Note on “Dummy Cameras”

Appendix 5 - New Information on Security of Data Pipeline

Appendix 6 - Report of Criminologist Dr. Emmeline Taylor

EXEMPT - Appendix A - Maps of Security Cameras

EXEMPT - Appendix B - Manning of Cameras

EXEMPT - Appendix C - Case Studies

### **Background Papers**

None

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