

### **Item 13 - Proposal for joint CCTV Control Room**

The attached report was considered by the Direct & Trading Advisory Committee on 12 April 2016, relevant Minute extract below

#### Direct & Trading Advisory Committee - 12 April 2016 (Minute 30)

The Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services presented an update report on the feasibility of merging the Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) and the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) CCTV Control Rooms and proposed to establish a West Kent CCTV hub, based at the Sevenoaks Office.

The proposal, depending upon the monitoring option taken forward, could provide a return to 24/7 manned monitoring whilst achieving identified savings on monitoring costs and increasing resilience in the control room, particularly for the out of hours service.

The Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services reported updated figures for Option D, advising that the potential savings were less than those quoted in the report at £18,000 for SDC, £21,000 for T&MBC and £10,000 for TWBC. However it was likely that this could be even less if the monitoring arrangements were exposed to competitive tendering.

#### Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet, that

- a) in principle, a joint agreement be entered into with TWBC and T&MBC to establish a West Kent CCTV hub, based at the Sevenoaks offices;
- b) the preferred monitoring arrangements be Option A as set out within the report

‘24 hour CCTV coverage and out of hours service for all 3 Councils. This model includes a dedicated Supervisor and 12 operators. This provides, mainly for three operators to be on duty, but at certain less busy times this will be reduced to 2 operators. Estimated Cost: £104,933 per Council; and

- c) a one-off Capital budget of £37,300 be approved, representing 50% of the cost of enlarging the existing Sevenoaks CCTV control room.