

IN-DEPTH SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP - CCTV

Cabinet - 16 September 2021

Report of: Cllr. Cameron Brown (Chairman - Scrutiny Committee)

Status: For Consideration

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This item is for Cabinet to review the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee following the work completed by the CCTV In-Depth Scrutiny Working Group.

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Recommendation to Cabinet:

Consider the recommendations in the minutes of the Scrutiny Committee on 13 July 2021.

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 was made up of the following members of the Scrutiny Committee:
 - Cllr Pender (Chairman)
 - Cllr Ball
 - Cllr Kitchener
 - Cllr Purves
- 4 The working group's report was considered by the Scrutiny Committee on 13 July 2021.

Recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee

- 5 Resolved: That it be recommended to Cabinet that
- a) further information be obtained to assist in justifying the pressing need for CCTV;
 - b) disabling or removing the audio recording hardware of the cameras in the Council Offices or the introduction of an audio activation method, be considered; and
 - c) a request to third parties, such as the Police, for them to recover costs of running the CCTV service, be considered.
- 6 Cabinet are asked to consider the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee.

Key Implications

Financial

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

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

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

Appendix 1 - Report and appendices of the CCTV In-Depth Scrutiny Working Group

Appendix 2 - Scrutiny Committee 13 July 2021 minute extract

Background Papers

None

Cllr Cameron Brown

Chairman - Scrutiny Committee