

Delegated Cabinet Member Key Decision Report

Decision Maker and Portfolio area:	Councillor Abdul Jabbar Cabinet Member for Finance
Date of Decision:	26th July 2023
Subject:	CCTV System Upgrade – Sir Robert Peacock House
Report Author:	John Garforth
Ward (s):	All

Reason for the decision: Oldham Council currently provides public space CCTV services, and currently has 150 public space cameras and 90 non-public space cameras situated around the Borough. This report seeks capital investment of **£328,345** along with authority to commission an upgrade to the hardware and software supporting the network including the replacement of monitors and the video wall in the control room which operates 24/7 and 365 days of the year.

Summary: The purpose of a CCTV system is to help reduce the fear of crime, help deter crime, gather evidence for court proceedings, enhance community safety and assist in developing the economic wellbeing of the area. It also assists in monitoring traffic management and incidents.

The last significant investment of the Council's CCTV infrastructure took place in a three year rolling programme between 2012-2015. That programme of change updated both hardware and software capabilities to the required standard to meet our obligations and enhance our capabilities.

Some eight years later we now need to enhance, modernise and future proof the system which has become obsolete as well as future proofing our technology.

Furthermore, we are unable to stand still with ever advancing technology. Our current system can no longer have cameras added to it, image quality on spot monitors in the control room is poor due to the age of equipment and the current legacy system will not interface with some of our key partners and cannot be accessed remotely in most cases.

If the budget is approved, the upgrades would be secured in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules under a direct award under our existing framework agreement with Synectics Security.

The Capital Investment Programme Board confirmed that funding could be released for this project at its meeting on the 29th June 2023.

What are the alternative option(s) to be considered? Please give the reason(s) for recommendation(s):

The only alternative option is not to invest in the future of the control room which could lead to system failure and not being able to meet our service level agreements and keep the Borough safe.

Recommendation(s):

To approve the release of capital monies to fund this project and the commissioning of the upgrades in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules.

Implications:

*What are the **financial** implications?*

Capital Implications

The proposed capital expenditure of £325,000, is anticipated to be utilised wholly in 2023/24. The project will be charged to and will be financed from resources within the Corporate - ICT Capital Programme
(Jit Kara, Senior Accountant)

Revenue Implications

Initially, there are no revenue implications associated with the proposed upgrade to the CCTV control room and any costs can be met from within the existing service revenue budget.

However, once the upgrade has been completed, it could support potential business growth, that has previously been unviable due to the lack of compatible IT.

(Matthew Kearns – Senior Accountant)

What are the **procurement** implications?

Should the recommendation be approved, the Commercial Procurement Unit will work alongside the Response Services Team to undertake and manage the procurement process to appoint a supplier to deliver the upgrade of the CCTV system. This process will be undertaken in line with the Public Contract Regulations 2015, delivering high quality service delivery, value for money and social value outcomes to benefit the local borough.
(Emily Molden)

What are the **legal** implications?

Subject to approval, Rule 4 of the Contract Procedure Rules allows for the requirements to be secured by way of a call-off under a compliant Framework Agreement or for a procurement, led by the Commercial Procurement Unit, to be undertaken in accordance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015. Provided a compliant process is identified and carried out by procurement and Legal Services are instructed to advise on the form of contract, there are no known legal implications at this time.

Sarah Orrell – Commercial & Procurement Solicitor

What are the **Human Resources** implications?

Not applicable

Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment attached or not required because (please give reason)

Not required as no vulnerable group is affected by this decision.

What are the **property** implications?

None

Risks:

As the proposal is an upgrade to the existing

system the way forward in this report seems sensible from a risk perspective to ensure the best use is made of the existing system.
(Mark Stenson).

Co-operative agenda

Upgrading CCTV services with new hardware and software using Capital funds will provide a response to community safety concerns in the borough by deterring crime, keeping residents safe and healthy, which is a key commitment of the Council. Moreover, a safe environment will foster economic growth.
(Mahmuda Khanom, Policy Support Officer).

Has the relevant Legal Officer confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council's Constitution?	Yes
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Has the relevant Finance Officer confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council's budget?	Yes
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Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?	No
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Reason why this Is a Key Decision	(1) to result in the local authority incurring expenditure or the making of savings which are, significant (over £250k) having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates.
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The Key Decision made as a result of this report will be published within 48 hours and cannot be actioned until five working days have elapsed from the publication date of the decision, i.e. before 3rd August 2023 unless exempt from call-in.

This item has been included on the Forward Plan under reference: NE1 – 09 - 23

The background papers to this report contain exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Report Author Sign-off:	John Garforth
	Service Manager Security, Trading Standards & Licensing
Date:	20 th July 2023

Approval

Councillor Abdul Jabbar
Cabinet Member for Finance

Councillor Chris Goodwin
Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods

Emma Barton
Executive Director – Place & Economic Growth

Date: 26th July 2023