

## ISSUES ARISING FROM ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 18 March 2003

### 1 CCTV FUNDING IN LOCAL SHOPPING PARADES

- 1.1 This item of business was referred by the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 18 March 2003 to this Committee with a recommendation that the revised proposals for CCTV cameras in Hockley, Rochford Market Square and Hullbridge be agreed using funds previously allocated for each scheme. A copy of the Officer's report is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2 Members of the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee had noted that, following site visits, it was considered that the most suitable equipment in terms of both quality and simplicity would be a digital system.
- 1.3 Whilst the digital cameras were of a higher standard and therefore more expensive, the lack of cabling and therefore the necessity for road works would reduce the overall cost.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
  - (1) That the revised proposals for CCTV cameras in Hockley, Rochford Market Square and Hullbridge using funds previously allocated for each scheme be agreed; including the reviewing equipment.
  - (2) That, in the case of Hullbridge, the scheme be financially supported by residual funds from the Rochford Market Square and Hockley schemes.
  - (3) That, any residual funds from the schemes, approximately £1000, be reserved for repairs and maintenance.
  - (4) That these cameras be installed by June 2003. (CE)

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**Background Papers:**

None

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## APPENDIX A

**CCTV FUNDING IN LOCAL SHOPPING PARADES****1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 To update Members on progress regarding the installation of CCTV in the shopping parades at Hockley, Hullbridge and Rochford Square, and the investigation of Grove Road and Hambro Hill. To consider the reallocation of funds so as to ensure installation within this financial year.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In February 2002 Members of the Community Services Committee resolved that the remaining £6,400 from the £40,000 set aside to finance CCTV in local shopping parades be used to finance additional sites with priority being given to Ferry Road, Hullbridge (Min 33/02). A CCTV system in Ferry Road, Hullbridge was originally quoted at almost £7,100; £695 over the available budget. The quoted system was also considered to be inadequate for the intended purpose.
- 2.2 In April 2002 Members of the Community Services Committee resolved that £15,000 be set aside in the Capital Programme to provide CCTV in Hockley. (Min 132/02). Members noted that the Police view was that preference should be given to the Hockley scheme over two other sites in Grove Road and Hambro Hill in Rayleigh in view of the higher levels of crime both historically and potentially (Min 132/02). Following a motion by ex Cllrs D R Helson and V H Leach, Hambro Hill and Grove Road in Rayleigh were re-considered for CCTV provision using funds from pedestrian proposals at Love Lane, Rayleigh. The funding available was insufficient to pay for both schemes, and members asked that shopkeepers in these areas be contacted with a view to contributing to the cost of CCTV.
- 2.3 In January 2003 Members of the Community Services Committee noted that £5,080 had previously been allocated to the Rochford Chamber of Trade towards the installation of a CCTV system in the Market Square. At the time a scheme had been estimated to cost in the region of £8,500. Members resolved that provision of a more detailed scheme be increased to the value of £10,000 from the Crime and Disorder Reserve Budget. (Min 5/03).
- 2.4 The original quotes for Hullbridge, Hockley and Rochford Square were considered less than satisfactory in terms of installation, cost and capability. Thus, Officers have been searching for systems of higher

quality and yet lower in cost. Also, systems that could be installed with the least possible disruption.

- 2.5 Following several site visits it is considered that the most suitable equipment in terms of both quality and simplicity is a digital system. Although the cameras are of a higher standard and thus more expensive; the lack of the need for cabling and road works has reduced the overall cost.

### **3 SCHEME DETAILS**

#### **3.1 Hockley**

- 3.1.1 The proposed system for Hockley followed various site visits and consultation with the Chamber of Trade and the Police. The system comprises a set of three cameras to a lamppost at the Woodlands Parade Junction, a set of three at Spa Road and two in the area of the Methodist Church. Each location will be self contained and any recorded incidents can be reviewed at the Council Offices; thus eliminating the need for the equipment to be housed locally. The installation of the cameras depends upon permission locally and by Rochford District Council and Essex County Council.

- 3.1.2 The cost for this system is now estimated at £11,500 and is well within the allocated budget of £15,000 which has been set aside in the Capital Programme.

#### **3.2 Rochford Market Square**

- 3.2.1 The CCTV scheme has been discussed with the Rochford Chamber of Trade. The new proposed scheme for Rochford Square involves the installation of four cameras clamped to the central new lighting column (adjacent to the taxi rank) to view the banks, Public House and the entry/exit points from the square. With consideration still being made for an additional camera for greater coverage, the total cost for this system is £6,000. This is £4,000 less than allocated budget of £10,000 set aside in the Crime and Disorder Reserve Budget.

#### **3.3 Hullbridge**

- 3.3.1 The proposal for Hullbridge involves three cameras secured to the Parish Office and three to one of the new lampposts. The cost for this system is £8,000. Although still in excess of the available sum of £6,400, this system is more effective in covering the targeted area with no disruption to the paving areas.

#### **3.4 Hambro Hill and Grove Road**

- 3.4.1 At this time no formal survey of shop keepers has been undertaken in Grove Road or Hambro Hill to ascertain their willingness to contribute to CCTV installation. However, the police maintain that they do not believe CCTV is necessary in these locations.

### 3.5 Council Offices

- 3.5.1 A central station will be needed to review images costing £2,200. This is a one off payment and will manage the proposed schemes and any additional schemes at a later date. The equipment will complement existing monitoring equipment within the Old House.

- 3.6 In areas that prove to be inadequately lit, it has been recommended that £150 per camera be put aside to upgrade any cameras in the affected areas. There could be a maximum cost of £2,700.

## 4 CCTV SCHEMES

- 4.1 The proposed schemes have been prepared with a view of maximising the effectiveness of the CCTV coverage in each area.
- 4.2 Each system is self-contained. There is no need for expensive and time-consuming cabling.
- 4.3 Each system can be added to without any disruption. In certain cases CCTV has shown to move a problem along. As well as being added to, the system can be moved and re-located very easily.
- 4.4 In the case of Hockley, one set of cameras will need to be installed to a lamppost belonging to Essex County Council.

## 5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It should be noted that each of the three systems is dependent upon the installation on the new style lamp posts. However, in each area all brackets and paint have been selected to be in keeping with the style of the lampposts.

## 6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Hockley and Rochford Square

- 6.1.1 Both the proposals for Hockley and Rochford Square are well within their separate budgets with an estimated surplus of £3,500 for Hockley and £4,000 for Rochford Square.

### 6.2 Hullbridge

- 6.2.1 Despite not requiring expensive cabling and groundwork, the proposed scheme for Hullbridge is still over its budget by £1,600.
- 6.3 Topping up the scheme in Hullbridge can easily be achieved from the surplus from either of the other two sites.
- 6.4 Any remaining surplus could be reserved for any unforeseen expenses such as additional cameras, repairs and maintenance.
- 6.5 The original quotations for CCTV in Hambro Hill was estimated as being £7450 and for Grove Road at £8350. The sum of the residual funds from both Hockley and Rochford Square would not be sufficient to cover the cost of either of these schemes should members wish to re-consider them.
- 6.6 A one off payment of £2,200 for reviewing equipment covering all schemes will need to be paid from the residual of either Hockley or Rochford Square.
- 6.7 In areas that prove to be inadequately lit, it has been recommended that £150 be put aside to upgrade any cameras in the affected areas.
- 6.8 Appendix 1 details the costs of the schemes and residual funding.

## 7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.7 The owners of the Methodist Church in Hockley will need to give their consent to cameras mounted to the building.

## 8 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Recent Home Office reports suggest that CCTV is more effective in car parks than any other locality and that in many cases improved lighting is just as effective.

## 9 RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 It is proposed that the Committee **recomends** to the Policy & Finance Committee
  - (1) That the revised proposals for CCTV cameras in Hockley, Rochford Market Square and Hullbridge using funds previously allocated for each scheme be agreed; including the reviewing equipment.
  - (2) That in the case of Hullbridge, the scheme be financially supported by residual funds from the Rochford Market Square and Hockley schemes.

- (3) That, any residual funds from the schemes, approximately £1000, be reserved for repairs and maintenance and any additional cameras as required.
- (4) Subject to Members' agreement of the new amounts, these cameras will be installed by June 2003. (CE)

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## Appendix 1

## CCTV Schemes

Shopping area	Amount agreed	Original quotation	New quotation	Residual funds
Hockley	£15,000 – Capital Programme		£11,500	£3,500
Hullbridge	£6,400 – remaining CCTV funds for local shopping parades	£7,100	£8,000	- £1600
Rochford	£10,000, (£5080 from chamber of trade allocation and 4920 from the crime and disorder reserve)	£8,500	£6,000	£4000
Hambro Hill/ Grove Road	Not agreed – but up to £7,000 from monies allocated to Love Lane pedestrian crossing	£7450 £8350	-	-
<b>Additional provisions</b>				
Reviewing equipment			2,200	-£2,200
Camera upgrades			Max £2,700	- 2,700
<b>Balance of budget</b>				<b>£1000</b>