

REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE - 18 JULY 2006**1 EVALUATION OF CCTV PROVISION**

- 1.1 Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(C)(2) the Chairman of the Review Committee had requested that the resolutions of the Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee relating to the evaluation of CCTV provision be called in for scrutiny.
- 1.2 Whilst the Review Committee Members were in agreement with the Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee's third resolution on the matter, they found that they could not support the first two resolutions that had been passed.
- 1.3 The Committee recognised that observations made relating to CCTV earlier in the meeting by the advisors to the Committee's Anti-Social Behaviour work (Minute 246 refers) were pertinent to this subject. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to recommend to the Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee that consideration be given to the purchase of covert cameras (with associated publicity) and the merits of improved lighting. Also that best practice elsewhere in terms of managed CCTV systems be considered.
- 1.4 It is proposed that the Council **RESOLVES:-**

That the first two decisions made on CCTV Evaluation at the meeting held on 13 July 2006 be reconsidered by the Policy, Finance & Strategic Performance Committee on the basis that alternative consideration should be given to the purchase of covert cameras (suitable for use as evidence in any criminal proceedings) and the merits of improved lighting rather than replacing the analogue provision and upgrading the older digital systems. Considerations to include:-

- Identification of the preferred Police option and clarification of the management/operating arrangements around such an option. If mobile covert cameras were the preferred choice, there would need to be agreement around publicity and usage specifically within the District.
- Examination of best practice in other authorities in terms of equipment used and management of those systems.(CE)

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Background Papers:-

None

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