

COMMITTEE:	Cabinet
DATE:	13 February 2003
SUBJECT:	Eastbourne Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Scheme
REPORT OF:	Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities
Ward(s):	All.
Purpose:	To advise the Cabinet on the situation with regard to the maintenance of Eastbourne's CCTV apparatus.
Contact:	Peter Padget, Engineering Manager, Telephone 01323 415235 or internally on extension 5235.
Recommendations:	<p>That the Cabinet:</p> <p>i) Authorises the Director of Planning, Regeneration and Amenities in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and Cabinet Spokesperson for the Environment to arrange an extension to the Agreement with the Sussex Police Authority for the management of the CCTV system;</p> <p>ii) Notes the sum of £30,000 required to be made available for the refurbishment of the CCTV apparatus in the financial year 2003/04 and potential increase in on going revenue budget requirements for future years; and</p> <p>iii) Notes that growth bids have been made to meet this necessary financial provision through the current Service and Financial Plan process. That the</p>

1.0	<u>Background</u>
1.1	At it's meeting on 11 th October 1995 the Policy Committee gave approval to enter into a five year legal agreement with Sussex Police Authority prior to the implementation of the CCTV Scheme. The agreement covers issues of contractual conditions and payments and includes maintenance, repairs, insurance, etc and termination clauses.
1.2	This agreement has now been in force for over five years and in order for the maintenance to continue a new agreement will have to be put in place.
2.0	<u>Maintenance Responsibilities</u>
2.1	In accordance with the Agreement Sussex Police Authority are the contracting body for the purposes of tendering maintenance works.
2.2	The Council is responsible for: i) 50% of the costs for the maintenance and rental of the transmission link; ii) all the costs of maintaining and repairing the camera equipment and mounting poles, etc.
2.3	The Sussex Police Authority is responsible for: i) 50% of the costs for the maintenance and rental of the transmission link; ii) all the costs of maintaining and repairing the CCTV equipment in Eastbourne Police Station.
3.0	<u>Existing Maintenance Contract Arrangements</u>
3.1	The original maintenance contract for the Eastbourne scheme was enabled immediately the scheme installation was completed and accepted by Sussex Police, on the 18 th October 1996.

3.2	This five year term contract was awarded to Blick UK Limited. The terms of the current contract require the contractor to offer a fixed price, which includes all preventative servicing tasks plus emergency fault rectification.
3.3	Negotiations between the contractor and Sussex Police resulted in an agreement by both parties to extend the original contract under the same terms and conditions. The extended contract will come to an end on 31 st December 2003.
4.0	<u>Maintenance Contract Renewal</u>
4.1	Sussex Police have informed the Engineering Manger that experience gained during negotiations with contractors who were asked to tender for maintenance services for schemes which are five years old (or more) has revealed that unit camera maintenance costs are significantly increased. Costs vary depending on the existing condition of the equipment but average at 73% more than current charges and in one case a 300% increase has been noted.
4.2	In order to keep these future maintenance costs to a minimum Sussex Police have proposed implementing a refurbishment scheme.
4.3	In conjunction with MDF International, CCTV consultants retained by Sussex Police, a refurbishment programme has been prepared. This programme will replace all the system components that are deemed to be at the end of their working life.
4.4	Sussex Police, as owners of the monitoring equipment in the Police Station will fund the "get well programme " for that equipment and have asked that the Council fund the refurbishment of the cameras and associated equipment.
4.5	The estimated cost of the refurbishment of the Eastbourne CCTV cameras is in the order of £30,000.
5.0	Consequences of not undertaking Refurbishment Programme

5.1	Future maintenance costs will be significantly increased if the contractors are asked to tender a fixed price for all preventative servicing tasks plus emergency fault rectification of a system that is old and more susceptible to breakdowns.
5.2	Without the refurbishment programme the system will be at greater risk of failure resulting in parts of the CCTV system becoming non-operational until faults can be rectified.
6.0	<u>Consultations</u>
6.1	Consultation with the CCTV Manager from Sussex Police is continuing.
6.2	The Head of Legal Services has been consulted.
7.0	<u>Financial Implications</u>
7.1	The existing revenue budget for the maintenance of the CCTV cameras is £11,000. A further bid of £2,000 has been made through the Council's Service and Financial Planning Process for 2003/04 through which a bid for the £30,000 required for the refurbishment of equipment referred to in 7.3 below has also been made. It is likely that a further growth bid for 2004/05 will also be required to be made in the next financial years budget cycle.
7.2	The maintenance contract with Blick UK Ltd. will terminate at 31 st December 2003 and Sussex Police have advised the Council that costs are likely to be considerably higher when a new contract is tendered.
7.3	In order to keep future maintenance cost escalation to a minimum Sussex Police have asked the Council to fund a refurbishment programme for the cameras at a cost of £30,000.

7.4	In the event the refurbishment works are carried out there will still be an increase in annual maintenance costs, although this will be considerably less than if the refurbishment was not carried out. At this stage it is not possible to predict the precise implications on the revenue maintenance budget.
7.5	Home Office funding is not available for the maintenance of existing schemes and likewise support through the Crime Reduction Partnership is only considered for new initiatives.
8.0	<u>Community Safety Implications</u>
8.1	CCTV is a very valuable tool in the fight against crime. The evidence shows that when used as part of a wider local crime reduction strategy, CCTV can help tackle crime and disorder, and the fear associated with them, and increase police detection rates.
8.2	Without the refurbishment programme the system will be at greater risk of failure. Inevitably this would lead to camera down time resulting in a reduction of the normal coverage.
9.0	<u>Equalities, Environmental, Human Rights, Youth and Anti-Poverty Implications</u>
9.1	There are no other relevant implications for this report.
10.0	<u>Summary</u>
10.1	The maintenance contract for the CCTV system in Eastbourne is due to terminate on 31 st December 2003.
10.2	Should the Council wish to continue supporting this initiative it will be necessary to extend the current agreement with Sussex Police Authority.
10.3	Indications are that future maintenance costs will be considerably increased.

10.4	In order to keep future cost escalation to a minimum Sussex Police have asked for funding of £30,000 towards the cost of a refurbishment programme.
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<p>Background Papers:</p> <p>The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Report to Policy Committee 11th October 1995 - Closed Circuit Television. 2. Agreement between Sussex Police Authority and Eastbourne Borough Council dated 23rd November 1995. 3. Letter from Sussex Police dated 7th August 2002 including CCTV equipment replacement programme. <p>To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.</p>	