



## Community Services

### Briefing Paper

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## Draft CCTV Policy

### 1. Summary

1.1 The draft CCTV Policy has been developed to support the existing CCTV provision in the district and to provide a long term strategic vision to assist with the management of CCTV and plans for expansion.

### 2. Background

2.1 Due to various funding opportunities the Council has been in a position to build upon the CCTV provision in the District. However, there has been no formal policy behind those developments.

2.2 There are 7 cameras in Kidderminster Town Centre, 6 in Stourport-on-Severn and 4 in Bewdley. Each system is monitored by Bromsgrove District Council.

2.3 The draft CCTV Policy has been developed to support those existing developments and to provide a clear vision to CCTV provision in the future.

2.4 Members of the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership have been consulted on the policy. This includes West Mercia Constabulary who along with the Council is a responsible authority. The draft policy is now in a position to be brought to Community Services as part of the consultation process.

### 3. Key Issues

3.1 Community Safety is a key issue for residents and CCTV has been demonstrated in contributing to helping people feel safer.

3.2 The policy provides an overarching framework of objectives to support existing CCTV provision and considerations for expansion.

3.3 Key sections within the policy are:

- Purpose of the system;
- Principles of the CCTV System;
- Considerations for expansion of the scheme;
- Performance Management;
- SWOT Analysis of current CCTV system; and
- Camera Locations.

3.4 Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership receives quarterly reports from Bromsgrove District Council regarding incidents.

3.5 CCTV Policy will be reviewed on a biannual basis. However, if there are any urgent developments, which require a policy change, it will be reviewed ahead of the planned date.

#### **4. Options**

4.1 The committee may wish to:

- Recommend to Cabinet the proposals set out in this paper and to adopt the revised CCTV Policy.
- Put forward alternative or additional proposals for consideration by the Cabinet.

#### **5. Consultation**

5.1 Community Services is part of the consultation process.

5.2 Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership Steering Group Meeting held on 9 October 2008 and consultation period.

5.3 Cabinet Member for Community and Corporate Services.

5.4 Head of Community and Partnership Services.

#### **6. Implications**

6.1 Resources: There are ongoing financial implications concerning the existing CCTV systems

6.2 Partnership working: The Policy has been developed in consultation with the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership.

#### **7. Wards affected**

7.1 District Wide.

**8. Appendices**

8.1 CCTV Policy.

**9. Background Papers**

9.1 Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership Plan 2008-11.

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