

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Custody CCTV Upgrade & Replacement Programme
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
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1. Purpose of the report

This Decision Report seeks approval for capital investment into upgrading the provision of CCTV within custody suites across the county as well as an ongoing replacement programme.

2. Recommendations

To proceed with investment of £1,101,000 capital funding for the design, supply and installation of CCTV systems throughout the custody estate, as well as the capital replacement programme for systems upgraded as part of the custody upgrade programme.

3. Benefits of the proposal

The most significant benefits of the programme will be that upon completion all custody suites will have full CCTV coverage in every cell including ancillary areas as well as sound recording at each of the charge desks.

The suites required to be upgraded will ensure full compliance with the Home Office Design Guide for custody and the Authorised Professional Practice.

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Additional benefits of the proposal allow for greater monitoring of high risk detainees and supervision remotely through the CCTV provision rather than officers having to undertake constant observation of high risk detainees.

4. Background and proposal

CCTV within custody suites was installed in 2005, 2007, 2011 (3 suites), 2012 and 2016. The older systems are in need of replacement as well as a number of suites not having CCTV coverage for all cells throughout the custody suites.

When these installations were undertaken during 2011, they were seen as a stop gap measure as at the time a general development programme of the Custody estate was envisaged with the intention to provide a more comprehensive system as each suite was refurbished as occurred at Chelmsford and most recently Southend. However at present there is no on-going asset replacement programme in place. In addition, the systems at Basildon and Grays have been in use for over 10 years and are considered by our maintenance contractor to be obsolete. This is in addition to the issue of the NVR drives used at these suites being obsolete and increasingly failing. Likewise Chelmsford NVRs are now 7 years old and require replacing to ensure the system does not suffer regular failures.

This proposal is to replace and upgrade CCTV within the existing custody suites, ensuring that we have full CCTV coverage within all cells across the custody estate. Towards the end of the programme Chelmsford and Southend will be the first asset replacements as part of an ongoing programme.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

Do nothing – Doing nothing is not an option, the CCTV systems within the custody suites will progressively fail and need to be replaced on an ad-hoc basis leading to unplanned custody suite closures impacting on overall policing delivery throughout the county.

Replace upon failure of CCTV – Replacing the CCTV systems upon failure is not an option. This option would not address the deficiency with lack of CCTV coverage within the custody suite cells, in addition to causing unplanned closures of custody suites leading to increased costs for the replacements.

6. Police and Crime Plan

The investment fits with the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan objective on Finance and Resources, with particular reference to "*Rationalise the police estate, making it fit for purpose for 21st century policing and drive out savings to reinvest back into local policing*".

The investment fits with the Commissioner's Estate Strategy with particular reference to "*Strategic Management of our Estate*" and "*Our Future Direction*"

This business case supports the plan on a page "why are we here" and will deliver the best possible service that promotes satisfaction and confidence to the public. The use of CCTV within custody suites is a legal obligation and is often scrutinised by outside bodies such as the IOPC when ensuring that there is clear transparency and openness within a custody suite.

7. Police operational implications

The only impacts on operational policing are positive. The upgrade of CCTV within custody suites will provide staff with confidence with evidential media

8. Financial implications

The Custody CCTV upgrade programme requires capital funding of £1,101,000 as well as a one off revenue implication of £231,000 and an ongoing requirement for increased maintenance costs of £170,000 revenue funding throughout the duration of the programme.

Funding has been identified within the capital programme as well as the revenue costs being incorporated into the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

9. Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this decision report.

10. Staffing implications

There are no staffing or resource implications arising from this decision report.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

It is not considered that an Equality Impact Assessment is required for the capital investment associated with this decision report. CCTV within custody suites is covered by the College of Policing, Authorised Professional Practice.

<https://www.app.college.police.uk/app-content/detention-and-custody-2/buildings-and-facilities/cctv/>

12. Risks

If the capital project is not undertaken the ongoing functionality of custody CCTV systems would be at risk from failures, causing unplanned closures of custody suites impacting on operational policing of the county.

13. Governance Boards

- COG – 27th March 2019 - Approved
- Strategic Board – 14th March 2019 - Approved

14. Background papers

Stage 1 Capital Bid



Stage 2 Capital Bid



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Estate Strategy

<http://www.essex.pfcc.police.uk/finance-reporting/publications/police-estates-strategy/>

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The report will be signed off by the OPFCC Chief Executive and Treasurer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign: [Signature]

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Date: 16 April 2019

Chief Finance Officer / Treasurer

Sign: [Signature]

Print: ABREN GOLD

Date: 16/04/19

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