

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO: Community Safety Scrutiny Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013  
**Report of:** Head of Community Services  
**Subject/Title:** CCTV and Anti-Social Behaviour – Budgets & Performance  
**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr Les Gilbert

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

1.1 This report seeks to brief Members on the 2013/14 budgets and relevant performance information for the Council's CCTV Camera network and Anti-Social Behaviour Team.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

2.1 Members are asked to comment on the report.

### **3.0 Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 To inform Scrutiny Members of the Council's major Community Safety services, undertaken in partnership and as part of our duty under Section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.

### **4.0 Wards Affected**

4.1 All Wards

### **5.0 Local Ward Members**

5.1 All Ward Members

### **6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate Change - Health**

6.1 Feeling safe and being safe in our homes, town centres and communities are important factors affecting peoples' general health and wellbeing. The purpose of CCTV is to prevent and detect crime & disorder and as such plays a key role in tackling issues such as alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour.

### **7.0 Financial Implications**

7.1 None outside existing budgetary provision for 2013/2014

## 8.0 Legal implications (authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1 None subject to the views of Scrutiny Members

## 9.0 Risk Management

9.1 Key risks for the CCTV service relate to compliance with the legislative framework of Data Protection and Human Rights which could impact on the Council's reputation and the success of prosecutions in Court.

## 10.0 Background

### CCTV Service

10.1 The purpose of the CCTV Service as set out in the Code of Practice is *'the prevention and detection of crime and disorder'*. CEBC operates 256 CCTV cameras across the Borough, the majority of which were installed by the former district Councils. The costs of maintaining such a large camera network continue to escalate and transmission line rental costs alone are almost £200,000 per annum.

10.2 The Council has provided £50,000 per annum capital funding over three years to undertake an intelligence-led review of the existing camera network. This investment is aimed at achieving a more effective network which is relevant to the needs of our town centres and our customers and we are working with the Police Data Analyst and neighbourhood teams to do this.

10.3 In 2012 the Council opened the new single CCTV Control Room in Macclesfield. This project brought together the three separate legacy authority facilities, transferred the highway Urban Traffic Control cameras and introduced improved digital recording. The Control Room now operates 24/7/365 and has also taken on the Council's Out-Of-Hours Emergency Telephone saving £75,000 p.a. from the previous arrangements.

10.4 The total cost of CCTV in 2012/13 is expected to be as follows;

Description	£'000
Employees	456
Transport	11
Supplies & Services	218
Receipts	(3)
Total	682

- 10.5 As part of the budget setting process for 2013/14, a saving of £250,000 has been proposed. This will be achieved through a combination of a full staffing rota review, the rationalisation of the camera network, a reduction in transmission costs and possible contributions from service users.

The CCTV service plays an important part in reducing anti-social behaviour, crime and disorder in 14 town centres and is a vital evidential tool for the Police in detecting offences and ensuring successful prosecutions. The latest crime data is set out below and shows year on year improvements since 2009.

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>2009/2010 (baseline)</b>	<b>2010/2011</b>	<b>2011/2012</b>	<b>2012/2013 (up to 28/01/2013)</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	16,997	16,536	15,873	14,574
<b>Anti Social Behaviour</b>	17,775	15,796	15,087	12,066

#### Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- 10.6 The ASB service is a small team of 4 staff All are co-located in Police stations, providing a close working relationship with Officers and giving access to Police data and intelligence. In addition they work with a number of other agencies and Council services to deliver a “joined up” response to tackling incidents of Anti-Social Behaviour within the Cheshire East Area including:

- Registered Social Landlords
- Youth Offending Service
- Community Wardens
- Fire & Rescue Service
- Environmental Health
- Trading Standards
- Probation
- Cheshire East Youth Service
- Cheshire East Family Service
- Adults and Children’s Social Care
- Police Public Protection and ‘Navigate’ Units
- Voluntary Sector Services

- 10.7 The Safer Cheshire East Partnership introduced a new contact number and e-mail address for members of the public to discuss issues of ASB and other Partnership matters in December 2011, shortly followed by a re-vamp of the information on the CEBC website ([www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/safer](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/safer)).
- 10.8 These contact details are not advertised as an Anti-Social Behaviour “hotline” or “reporting service”, but an advice service for those that may not have had cause to contact the Police or other agencies, but who still need information about what they should do to deal with any ASB they are experiencing.
- 10.9 These calls/referrals are normally from members of the public that have a general concern that they feel not enough is being done by other agencies. The ASB Team has been able to pick up on these enquiries very quickly and in time, we will be able to evidence a reduction in the number of repeat callers to the Police and other relevant agencies. The team have dealt with over 350 calls since the introduction of the advice line.
- 10.10 The total cost of Community Safety Development (including ASB team and Community Safety Partnership management and co-ordination) in 2012/13 is projected to be;

Description	£'000
Employees	235
Transport	4
Supplies & Services	10
Third Party Payments	290
Receipts	(78)
Total	461

- 10.11 The team cover a wide-range of interventions including;
- ASB Log Books
  - Mediation
  - Local Tasking and Coordination nomination
  - Preventing Offending Panel nomination
  - Vulnerable person/high risk group nomination
  - ‘StreetSafe’ intervention
  - Generic Residents Questionnaire intervention
  - Hosting Residents meetings and local problem solving
  - Yellow Card Scheme
  - Manage ABD, ABC, ASBO interventions

10.12 Further information on this detailed work is attached at Appendix One.

10.13 Reports of Anti-Social Behaviour have reduced by over 5% across the Borough between same period in 2011 and 2012 as set out below by neighbourhood policing area. Youth related incidents are down by over 19% from 3,814 in 2011 to 3,089 in 2012;

<b>ASB</b>	<b>Apr - Nov 2012</b>	<b>Apr - Nov 2011</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>CONGLETON</b>	<b>2,230</b>	2,398	-168	-7.01%
<b>CREWE</b>	<b>3,351</b>	3,419	-68	-1.99%
<b>KNUTSFORD</b>	<b>396</b>	393	3	0.76%
<b>MACCLESFIELD</b>	<b>2,228</b>	2,624	-396	-15.09%
<b>NANTWICH</b>	<b>907</b>	822	85	10.34%
<b>WILMSLOW</b>	<b>943</b>	941	2	0.21%
<b>EASTERN</b>	<b>10,055</b>	<b>10,597</b>	-542	-5.11%

Appendix One:

### **11.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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