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Summary

This report provides the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) with an update on the performance of the Barnet Community Safety CCTV service and outlines how the 2014/15 – 2018/19 CCTV transformation is meeting its performance and financial objectives.

The infrastructure improvements which have been put in place (new camera assets, network, control room and community safety ANPR expansion) are projected to be entirely covered by the Revenue Contributions to Capital Outlay delivered the end of 2018/19. This has been made possible by the improvements in the cost effectiveness of the CCTV service.

CCTV and ANPR performs an important role in keeping Barnet Safe. The presence of CCTV acts as a powerful deterrent, reducing the rates of crime and anti-social behaviour; and when crimes do take place: CCTV helps to identify, catch and convict those responsible. In addition, CCTV provides reassurance and confidence to residents and visitors of Barnet.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) note the progress made on transforming Barnet's CCTV service and capabilities.**
- 2. That the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) note the future actions (next steps).**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1.1 CCTV performs an important role in keeping Barnet Safe. The presence of CCTV acts as a powerful deterrent, reducing the rates of crime and anti-social behaviour; and when crimes do take place: CCTV helps identify, catch and convict those responsible. In addition, CCTV provides reassurance and confidence to residents and visitors of Barnet.

1.1.2 Four years ago, in 2014 the delivery model of the community safety CCTV in Barnet was re-structured. This restructure aimed to:

- Replace old and depreciated equipment (including all the cameras which were analogue) with the latest technology in digital CCTV equipment
- Deliver a full upgrade and updating of the CCTV control room facilities
- Bring about a significant increase in the amount of ANPR camera coverage across Barnet focused on preventing crime such as burglary and helping the police catch offenders
- Deliver all the above at zero net cost over a 5-year period, through savings achieved by increasing the cost effectiveness of service delivery.

1.1.3 This report provides an update on the delivery of the community safety CCTV service in Barnet and on progress against the objectives outlined above. The report will detail how the objectives to enhance the infrastructure and resulting service delivery have been achieved, and that the CCTV service is on target to have covered all the costs associated with the upgrade through revenue savings by 2019/20.

Background context

Stated aims of the community safety CCTV scheme

1.2.1 The main aims of the community safety CCTV scheme are to:

- help reduce fear of crime.
- help deter crime and reduce antisocial behaviour, and
- help identify perpetrators and bring them to justice by providing evidential material for court proceedings

1.2.2 In addition, the scheme aims to:

- assist in the overall management of the London Borough of Barnet
- enhance community safety, assist in developing the economic well-being of the London Borough of Barnet and encourage greater use of town centre facilities
- assist the London Borough of Barnet in its licensing, enforcement and regulatory functions
- assist in traffic management and enforcement, thereby improving the functioning and safety of the highways (including for pedestrians)
- assist in supporting civil proceedings which will help detect crime

Current service delivery arrangements

1.2.3 The community safety CCTV scheme (including supply and maintenance of camera assets, network infrastructure, control room asset and the running of the control room) is delivered under contract by OCS. OCS were commissioned by Barnet Council to deliver the CCTV service from 2014/15 to 2018/19.

Current technical specification

1.2.4 The community safety CCTV scheme currently has 123 cameras deployed and operational across Barnet, focused on locations with above average concentrations of crime or anti-social behaviour and high footfall areas (for example town centres). In addition, 20 community safety ANPR cameras are deployed across the borough.

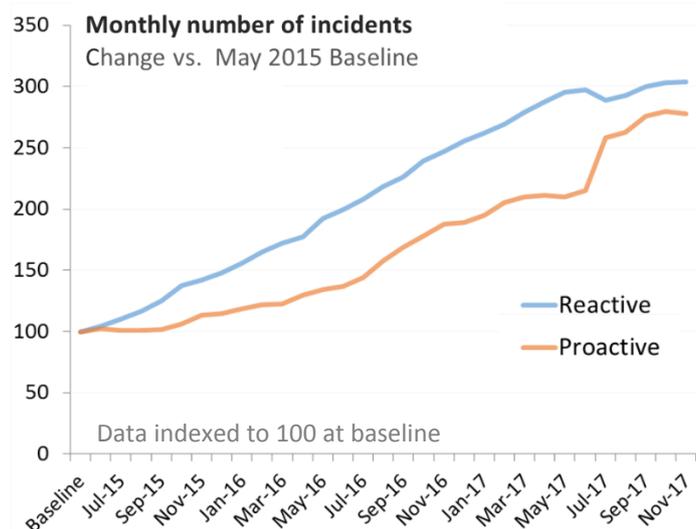
1.2.5 Most of the network infrastructure (for the transmission of data from the cameras to the control room, and camera control instructions from the control room to the cameras) utilises wireless technology. In a small number of locations underground fibre is used.

Operational effectiveness

Number of incidents spotted by control room operators

1.3.1 The number of incidents spotted by the Barnet CCTV control room has been increasing year on year.

- 1949 live incidents were spotted in the last 12 months
- 604 of these were spotted directly and in the first instance by the control room CCTV operators (proactive incidents)
- 1345 of these were spotted after the CCTV control room was alerted to an incident in progress (primarily by the police)



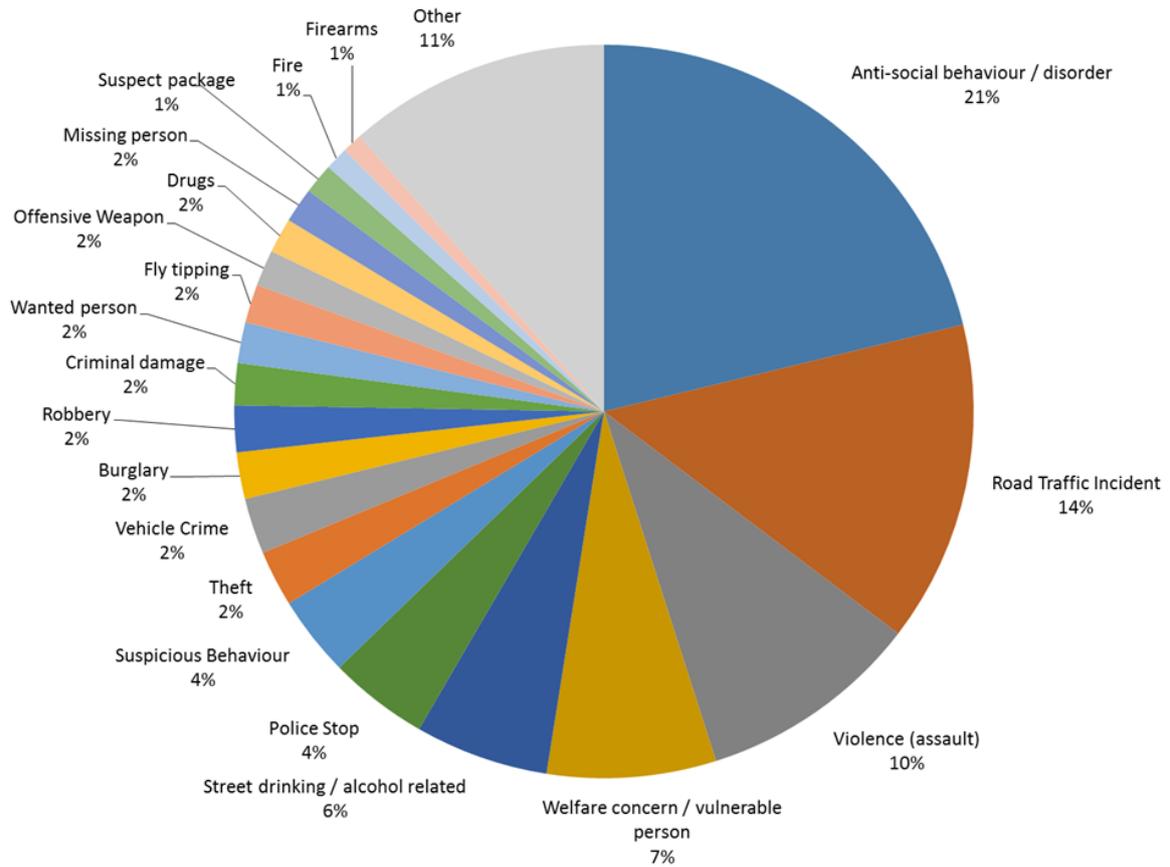
1.3.2 This equates to:

- more than 200% increase in reactive incidents Since 2015, and more than 150% increase in proactive incidents since 2015

Impact of CCTV interventions

- 1.3.3 In total during the 12 months period up to June 2017 Barnet CCTV cameras contributed to the arrest of 374 individuals for offences which have been committed.
- 1.3.4 The Barnet CCTV cameras support the police in identifying and arresting suspects in several ways, including: spotting an incident happening live and alerting the police; responding to a live incident to which they have been alerted to by the police; as well as providing retrospective footage of incidents to assist the police identify and prosecute perpetrators.
- 1.3.5 With regards to the retrospective footage Barnet CCTV has, this 12-month period, provided the police with 230 evidential packs to support investigations
- 1.3.6 During this period, live interventions by Barnet CCTV have been instrumental in leading to the identification and arrest of suspects for a wider range of offences, including: 9 burglaries, 8 assaults, 5 firearms related offences. Other offences include Offensive weapon, Assault, robbery, Drugs, Theft, Sexual offences, Drink driving, criminal damage and Going equipped to steal.

Breakdown of incidents spotted (12 month period)



New developments and next steps

Expanding ANPR coverage

- 1.4.1 During 2017 the Council's Community Safety team delivered an expansion in the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Camera coverage across the borough. Through a joint initiative between Barnet Council and the Metropolitan Police, new ANPR cameras have been deployed and are now live 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- 1.4.2 Vehicle details linked to more than 500 convicted thieves and burglars have been uploaded by the police onto the ANPR system connected to these cameras.
- 1.4.3 These cameras will:
 - help deter and prevent crime involving vehicles,
 - help the police identify the perpetrators and
 - provide evidence to bring perpetrators them to justice, helping to make Barnet safer.
- 1.4.4 The ANPR expansion is one of a number of joint initiatives the Safer Communities Partnership has delivered aimed at reducing the rate of Burglary in Barnet. These initiatives include: The MetTrace Project (which has deployed SmartWater property marking into over 15,000 households in Barnet); targeted crime prevention advice given by Barnet police to over 1,000 homes; and Barnet Neighbourhood Watch training of over 400 watch coordinators to deliver crime preventions training in their local area in Barnet.
- 1.4.5 Together these initiatives are contributing to a significant long-term reduction in the rate of burglary in Barnet. In the last 12 months¹ the rate of burglary in Barnet was 8.9 per 1000 residents – a 30% reduction compared to five years ago (equating to more than 1450 fewer victims of burglary per year). Barnet Police Chief Superintendent Simon Rose said: “We are always looking for innovative ways to prevent burglary, with considerable success, but there is still a long way to go.”

Next Steps and for the Barnet community safety CCTV service

- *Strategic Review of CCTV:* The aim of the Strategic Review of CCTV, which is currently underway, is to identify savings, efficiency gains, opportunities for improved effectiveness of service delivery, identify income generation opportunities, and to ensure future CCTV, ANPR and related surveillance delivery remains compliant with all relevant legislation.
- *Annual camera locations review:* To maximise the use of the camera asset, and ensure the cameras are placed in the locations where there is the greatest need, a review is being completed of current and potential deployment

¹ 12 Months to November 2017

locations, this review takes into account the levels of reported crime, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime

- Adoption of new technology: The level of technology has been developing rapidly in the CCTV field, one of the objectives of the *CCTV Strategic Review* (outlined above) is to provide recommendations as to what new technologies can be adopted to enhance the effectiveness of the CCTV scheme in Barnet.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) note the progress made on transforming Barnet's CCTV service and capabilities.

2. That the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) note the future actions (next steps).

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

3.1 Not relevant in relation to this report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 There are no decisions that are required to be made in relation to this update.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2015-20 sets out the following strategic objectives:

5.1.2 That Barnet Council, working with local, regional and national partners, will strive to make sure that Barnet is the place:

- Of opportunity, where people can further their quality of life
- Where responsibility is shared, fairly
- Where people are helped to help themselves, recognising that prevention is better than cure

- Where services are delivered efficiently to get value for money for the taxpayer.

5.1.3 The effective delivery of the Community Safety CCTV scheme supports Barnet in achieving the commitment set out in the corporate plan: that Barnet will be amongst the safest places in London, with high levels of community cohesion, and residents feeling safe.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 The 2014/15 – 2019/20 transformation of the Community Safety CCTV delivery model set out to deliver equipment and infrastructure upgrades and improvements (as set out in the report above) at zero net costs with the capital outlay being repaid in full, from revenue contributions over the 5 years.

5.2.2 The table below outlines the current progress to date and projected position of the Revenue Contributions to Capital Outlay (RCCO) repayments.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Amount</i>
RCCO funding for CCTV and ANPR upgrades provided in 2014 (to be repaid by end 2018/19)	(£912,000)
Revenue Contributions to Capital Outlay (RCCO) repayment from revenue savings to date (as at Feb 2018)	£519,000
Projected 2017/18 repayment	£212,750
Projected 2018/19 repayment	£180,250
Total projected RCCO repayments by end of the 5-year period at end of 2018/19	£912,000
Projected remaining RCCO repayment balance at end of 2018/19	£0

5.3 Social Value

Not relevant in relation to this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 S6 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 ('the 1998 Act') places a statutory duty on responsible authorities (including local authorities, the Police, Probation Trusts, and Fire and Rescue Authorities) to formulate and implement strategies for the reduction of crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour), for combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances; and for the reduction of reoffending.

5.4.2 The BSCP is a Community Safety Partnership set up in accordance with the requirement of the section 5 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by section 108 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009.

- 5.4.3 Under s.17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, it is also a duty of the Council (and other partner agencies, including Police, Fire & Rescue, GLA, TfL) when exercising its functions to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour), misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and re-offending.
- 5.4.4 Under section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 every local authority shall ensure that it has a crime and disorder overview and scrutiny committee with power to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge of crime and disorder functions and to make reports or recommendations to the local authority or its executive with respect to the discharge of those functions. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 complement these provisions and are supported by Home Office guidance. Barnet operates a committee system form of governance and consequently does not have a system of overview and scrutiny committees save for the statutory Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. However, the duty to perform crime and disorder scrutiny remains a requirement in committee system authorities. As such, Barnet have elected that the Community Leadership Committee to be the committee responsible for discharging responsibilities relating to the scrutiny of crime and disorder matters.
- 5.4.5 Article 7 section 7.5 in the Council's constitution sets out the responsibility for functions of the Community Leadership Committee which include, responsibility for civic events, community safety, emergency planning, registration and nationality service, grants to the voluntary sector.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 Risk management varies according to the different initiatives. The partnership or appropriate agencies are made aware of risks and actions to mitigate the risk are agreed and put in place. There is always risk that the partnership may not achieve the targets set due to factors outside its direct control – however there is strong partnership working in place enabling agencies to identify and highlight risk and be open to addressing the risk collectively.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 sets out the public sector equality duty to which the authority must have due regard. The Council's public sector equality duty is set out in s149 of the Equality Act 2010:
- 5.6.2 A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the

need to —

- a) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- b) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- c) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.6.3 The relevant protected characteristics are age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Surveys and consultation exercise conducted in Barnet over the last 5 years indicate that:

- 80% of respondents agreed CCTV cameras can dissuade criminal activity.
- Respondents felt that CCTV is most effective in reducing anti-social behaviour and violence against the person.
- 51% of respondents thought that CCTV cameras are not signposted well enough to deter anti-social behaviour or other illegal activities.
- 72% would like to see additional CCTV cameras installed in their area.
- 76% of respondents are against a reduction in the number of CCTV cameras in their area.

5.8 Insight

Not relevant in relation to this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Community Leadership Committee 6th September 2017

Agenda Item 10 “*Update on the annual strategic crime needs Assessment*”

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s41920/Update%20on%20the%20annual%20strategic%20crime%20needs%20Assessment.pdf>

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Agenda Item 8 “*CCTV Transformation Project - Progress Report*”

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s25639/CCTV%20Update%20CLC%20Sep%202015.pdf>