

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Purchase of 4 x Cofdm CCTV Cameras

Total Value:

£43,740 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

- 1) To approve the purchase of 4 Cofdm wireless CCTV cameras for use with the city wide redeployable system to assist with tackling anti-social behaviour in the City neighbourhoods.
- 2) To grant dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (for operational reasons) to allow for a direct award of a contract to Digital Barriers to provide the cameras.
- 3) To delegate authority to the Director of Community Protection to award and sign the contract for the purchase of the cameras.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

We would be purchasing 4 No COFDM Dome Camera with real time Digital 2.5MHz Narrow Band COFDM operating on the 1.3GHz or 5.8GHz unlicensed transmission range including COFDM Data and Video Receivers for the cameras.

The purchase of these cameras would be in addition to the current redeployable system in use across Nottingham City, and will impact positively on citizens and service users by improving the co-ordination of crime and anti-social behaviour response services making us better able to contribute to the Council's ambitions for the city over the next four years to ensure Nottingham is a clean and safe place that people are proud to live in and work with the police and other partners to continue to drive down crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). These cameras have been designed to utilise existing lighting columns rather than requiring their own support column and will supplement existing cameras that require their own column to be installed at a cost of £7500.00 per installation. The new cameras will still being able to use the existing infrastructure of Control Systems and Receiving and transmitting hubs, making the system far more cost effective.

There are numerous specific initiatives which are planned around alcohol-related disorder as well as neighbourhood ASB, which will benefit by the introduction of this more flexible approach to the use of CCTV. Developing the CCTV network in this way alongside other measures will help to reduce crime, boost the public's feelings of safety, help identify more offences and tackle anti-social behaviour. The further development of the re-deployable, mobile system for neighbourhoods is recommended in recognition of the transitory nature of anti-social behaviour.

Nottingham City Council has invested a considerable amount of money in setting up the infrastructure for a redeployable CCTV system Request for a direct award is considered the best option as the protocols used for operation of these cameras are unique to each supplier meaning that to buy this type of camera from another supplier would not be considered an addition to the current system but would be a new redeployable system requiring the purchase of new equipment to control, transmit and receive images from these cameras at a much more significant cost to the Council.

Other Options Considered:

Not to purchase new cameras and continue with the current redeployable system is not recommended as although this system works and has been in operation since 2006 there is an ongoing cost of £7500.00 pounds to move these cameras. This limits the number of areas that can use this system and stops police and other partners having the ability to get the cameras into new areas that are suffering the effects of crime and ASB.

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Background Papers:

None.

Published Works:	None.
Affected Wards:	Citywide
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None.
Dispensation from Financial Regulations:	Yes
Consultations:	Those likely to be affected by the installation of a camera are consulted as part of the pre installation process Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	There are numerous specific initiatives which are planned around alcohol-related disorder and as well as neighbourhood anti-social behaviour, which will benefit by the introduction of this more flexible approach to the use of CCTV. The development will impact positively on citizens and service users by improving the co-ordination of crime and anti-social behaviour response services. Developing the CCTV network in this way and alongside other measures, will help to reduce crime, boost the public's feelings of safety; bring more offences to justice and tackle anti-social behaviour.
Equality:	EIA not required. Reasons: No change to policies, functions or services This development will work to the benefit of those in the City who are most at risk of becoming victims of crime and anti-social behaviour. These tend to be strongly represented by those living in the most deprived wards in the City.
Social Value Considerations:	Not applicable: below threshold.
Decision Type:	Portfolio Holder
Subject to Call In:	Yes
Call In Expiry date:	11/02/2016
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The proposals in this report raise no significant legal issues and are supported.

The cameras to be purchased under this decision will support the existing camera system in place but allow for a more flexible deployable approach to CCTV recording across the city to help tackle ASB in troublesome areas.

It is understood from the report author that as the protocols the cameras use are specific to the whole system, they need to be purchased from the supplier of the existing system by way of a direct award.

Given the above reasons and the relatively low value of the purchase yet deemed importance of this equipment in the city, the recommendation for dispensation from the contract procedure rule 3.1.1 in accordance with financial regulation 3.29 to allow for a direct award, is supported.

Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screatton (Solicitor) on 18/11/2015.

Finance Advice:

The cost of these cameras can be met from the CCTV equipment replacement reserve that was set up for this very purpose.

Current balance	£185k
Remaining balance	£141.3k

Maintenance costs can be met from existing budget provision within CCTV

Advice provided by Michelle Pullen (Senior Accounts Assistant) on 16/10/2015.

Procurement Advice:

A dispensation from Contract Procedure Rule 5.1.1 in accordance with Financial Regulation 3.29 (for operational reasons) to allow for a direct award of a contract to Digital Barriers to provide the cameras is required and as per the authors' reason for the decision, that this is the only supplier that can sell the cameras to the authority, then the Procurement Team supports the recommendation of this report.

Advice provided by Paul Ritchie (Category Manager) on 03/11/2015.

Signatures

Nicola Heaton (Portfolio Holder for Community Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 27/01/2016
Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
SIGNED and Dated: 21/01/2016
Theresa Channell (Head of Corporate and Strategic Finance) - Dispensation from Financial Regulations
SIGNED and Dated: 03/02/2016
Chief Finance Officer's Comments: