

NORTH LANARKSHIRE  
COUNCIL

**AGENDA ITEM No.** 15

**REPORT**

To : ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: NORTH LANARKSHIRE CCTV LIMITED
From : DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT		
Date : 03 NOVEMBER 1998	Ref. : JH/CCTV/REP/510	

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise and update members on the progress to date of North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Members will recall a report to the Economic Development Committee in August 1997 which outlined the basis of the setting up of a "Super Trust" to co-ordinate the organisation and funding of CCTV in the town centre areas of Airdrie, Coatbridge, Motherwell and Wishaw, in succession to the Development Trusts.
- 2.2 Arising from this, a company limited by guarantee, entitled North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited, was established.
- 2.3 Draft Memorandum and Articles of Association were agreed.
- 2.4 The four Development Trusts were to be dissolved.
- 2.5 The assets of the four Development Trusts (prior to dissolution) be transferred to North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited.
- 2.6 North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited would assume responsibility, as employers, for any existing contracts of employment between any of the four Trusts (prior to their dissolution) and their employees, and,
- 2.7 That North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited assume responsibility for any liabilities of the four Trusts (prior to their dissolution).

**3 PROGRESS TO DATE**

- 3.1 North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited was incorporated on 11th November 1997, the first Board meeting being held on 21st May 1998.
- 3.2 Since that time much has been done to consolidate and build on the excellent work started by the Trusts
- 3.3 CCTV Operators formerly employed by the Trusts have been transferred to the new company where they have now been established onto a central payroll operated by North Lanarkshire Council's Salaries Section. Work is currently underway to harmonise pay and conditions of service for the operators.
- 3.4 Economies of scale are currently being investigated and obtained in areas of insurance, transmission, maintenance and equipment purchases.

#### 4. TOWN CENTRE SYSTEMS

4.1 Each of the town centre CCTV systems is operated and monitored within the police stations. Systems operate separately and independently of one another.

4.2 The current position in relation to the systems are:-

- (a) Airdrie - Was first system in Scotland. Upgraded within past two years. Has 14 cameras in operation with 5 CCTV operators (employed via Remply). In general the system is performing reasonably well, however a number of difficulties are being experienced. These relate to maintenance and telemetry, with particular emphasis on the problems associated with cabling. Originally the cable-laying process was undertaken to standards not now applying, thus difficulties are now becoming apparent which will necessitate a much more thorough examination of what is in place.
- (b) Coatbridge - Has 16 cameras in operation, with 5 CCTV operators monitoring the system. No major problems have been experienced to date however it is expected that a system audit will be carried out to ensure potential difficulties are minimised.
- (c) Motherwell - Of the four town centre systems Motherwell is the only system not staffed 24 hours per day. Nevertheless it is efficiently operated by 4 CCTV operators and the 14 cameras provide good coverage of the Motherwell town centre area. The CCTV system is supplemented by a radio link system which together have proved to be an invaluable aid in the ongoing battle against town centre crime.
- (d) Wishaw - Has 16 cameras in operation and staffed by 5 CCTV operators. No major problems exist at present and the system is operating very effectively.

#### 5. OUTCOMES

5.1 Statistics continue to confirm the very positive impact CCTV has in our town centres. During the period June-August 1998 a total of 236 incidents were logged, with 226 apprehensions/cautions being obtained by the police.

5.2 Main incident classifications were breach of the peace, shoplifting, assault, theft and drinking in public places.

#### 6. FINANCIAL POSITION

6.1 The basis of the funding provided to sustain the company consists of:

- (a) Council Grant - 1998/1999 - £37,000.
- (b) Chief Constable's Grant - 1998/1999 - £86,800.
- (c) Income generated from monitoring on behalf of North Lanarkshire Council Housing and Education Departments - £75,000.
- (d) Income generated from "donations" from each town centre area (projected) - £15,000.

Estimated total: £213,800

6.2 At the dissolution of the Trusts the new company inherited all the assets and liabilities in existence.

6.3 Included in this process was the transfer of cash balances from each of the Trusts' accounts, however, such sums require adjustment to reflect repayment of financial support previously given by the Council and also outgoings incurred by the Trusts but accounted for after dissolution dates. It is

expected that, when all transactions have been completed and agreed, the residual sum, approximately £12,000, would constitute an opening balance for the new company.

- 6.4 The estimated annual expenditure of the company has been calculated to be approximately £275,000, although it is expected that this figure would be moderated in the first year of operation (see summary appended).
- 6.5 Work is currently being undertaken to maximise income generation.
- 6.6 Included in this process will be additional income from planned CCTV projects in certain housing areas of North Lanarkshire where monitoring will be undertaken by the company.
- 6.7 It is expected that projects in Northburn, Greenend and Coltness will proceed soon and, if so, these would generate approximately £22,000 per year.
- 6.8 Included in the recent submission to the Scottish Office for match funding is a bid for CCTV for Craigneuk, Motherwell. If successful, a further £20,000 per annum monitoring income would be generated for the company.
- 6.9 Discussions have recently taken place with the contractors to the new Law Hospital and, if agreement can be reached, monitoring income of £12,000 per annum could be realised.

## 7. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- 7.1 As previously indicated, further housing areas in Airdrie, Coatbridge and Wishaw will have CCTV installations and will be monitored by the company. This will provide additional revenue.
- 7.2 Bellshill Town Centre system has gone out to tender and it is expected that it will be operation in the early part of 1999.
- 7.3 Additional bids have been submitted to the Scottish Office for Challenge Funding for town centre systems in Kilsyth and Cumbernauld.
- 7.4 Audits are being carried out on systems and equipment to ensure that levels of "Best Value" are not diminished.
- 7.5 Discussions are taking place to consolidate and expand the influence of the company as a major operator in the CCTV field.
- 7.6 North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited will continue to act as a catalyst for the integration and development of CCTV not only within the Council but throughout the public and private sectors of the North Lanarkshire area.

## 8 SUMMARY

- 8.1 Although still early to assess the full impact of the new company it is clear that there is a determination by the Board of Directors to ensure that, in conjunction with the local authority, Town Centre Initiatives and other agencies, the town centre areas of North Lanarkshire will be safer and potentially more attractive environments within which to operate.

9 RECOMMENDATION

9.1 Members are asked to note and approve the contents of this report.



 Stanley C. Cook  
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5 November 1998

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## APPENDIX

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE CCTV LIMITED**  
**SUMMARY OF FUNDING PROCESS - 1998/99**  
**PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

(1)	<u>Income (General):</u>		
		(a)	Council Grant - £37,000
		(b)	Chief Constables Grant - £86,800
		(c)	Income Generation - Monitoring - £75,000
		(d)	Income Generation "Donations" - £15,000
			<b><u>Total - £213,800</u></b>
(2)	<u>Opening Balance:</u>		
			Estimated Opening Balance - £12,000
(3)	<u>VAT Registration:</u>		
			Application for VAT Registration - £20,000
			<b><u>Estimated Total Income - £245,800</u></b>
(4)	<u>Expenditure:</u>		
			Estimated Annual Expenditure - <b><u>£275,000</u></b>
(5)	<u>Conclusion:</u>		
			Based on these figures 1st year shortfall projection could be estimated at - <b><u>£29,200</u></b>

N.B. Discussions currently ongoing with other agencies to supplement Revenue Contributions. It is hoped that such funding contributions would ensure no deficit would be incurred in first year.