

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE CCTV LIMITED

## REPORT

To : ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: CCTV – “EVALUATION OF BENEFICIARIES” STUDY – APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS
From : DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- (i) obtain members' agreement on the need to undertake a study on the evaluation of benefits and beneficiaries of CCTV provision in North Lanarkshire,
- (ii) approve the appointment of external consultants to undertake such a study, and
- (iii) agree the expenditure of up to £10,000 (incl. expenses) to cover consultants' costs, to be funded from North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd and Planning and Environment Budgets.

**2 Introduction**

- 2.1 Although much has been done to secure the future of CCTV provision in North Lanarkshire difficulties still exist in securing ongoing revenue support to cover the requirements of the systems.
- 2.2 This has been illustrated recently where the revenue support to North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd from the Chief Constable's Challenge Fund was reduced by more than 26% on last year's total.
- 2.3 It is also clear that other agencies are benefiting from the products of CCTV, e.g. the Procurator Fiscal service, yet these agencies do not contribute to the costs of operating the service.

**3 Background**

- 3.1 Although the benefits of CCTV are evident – to the public, police, local authority, fiscal service/courts and other agencies, difficulties still exist in ensuring ongoing revenue funding is in place to support annual running costs.
- 3.2 Much of the historical data on the benefits of CCTV to date has been anecdotal, albeit the courts have records of cases where CCTV has been involved in obtaining successful

outcomes. Consequently it is imperative to refine and create a means whereby benefits (and beneficiaries) are properly identified and capable of being quantified.

- 3.3 It is proposed to appoint a firm of consultants to conduct a study to provide relevant up to date information on the situation in North Lanarkshire which will be used to inform future negotiations of CCTV with external agencies benefiting from CCTV.
- 3.4 Consultants are currently being identified who would have the experience to conduct this piece of work and the tendering process will begin in early January. It is anticipated that this study can be undertaken for a total cost of £10,000 including expenses. This cost will be met by £5000 contribution from North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd and Planning and Environment Department. This money is available from within existing budgets in both instances.

The study will be completed in March and reported back to Committee in due course.

- 3.5 Once this has been completed, it will be possible to have detailed discussions with the Scottish Executive, other relevant agencies and authorities to progress appropriate funding mechanisms which should be put in place to secure the longer-term revenue support for CCTV.

#### **4 Recommendation**

##### 4.1 Members are asked to:-

- (i) note the contents of this report,
- (ii) agree the appointment of a firm of consultants to undertake the necessary research associated with such a project,
- (iii) approve expenditure of up to £10,000 including expenses, to be met by £5000 contributions from Planning and Environment Department and note that North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd will fund the remaining expenditure.



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