

To : ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE		Subject: GRANT SUPPORT FOR CCTV – 2000/2001
From : DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT		
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1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise members of the outcome of the bid for funding support from the Chief Constable’s Fund.

2 Introduction

2.1 Members will recall Report dated 8 May 2000 which was submitted to the Committee on 8 June 2000 detailing the Chief Constable’s funding proposals for CCTV schemes for the financial year 2000/20001. A sum of £525,310 was made available by the Chief Constable, from his revenue budget, to assist financing of CCTV schemes in Strathclyde.

3 Background

3.1 The Chief Constable’s Fund has, to date, been vitally important in providing revenue support to North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited. However, due to the increasing value of bids being submitted, the funding award to North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd. has been diminishing each year, as the table below illustrates -

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total Awarded</u>
1997/98	£103,520
1998/99	89,200
1999/2000	73,900
2000/2001 (current)	58,000

4 Outcome

4.1 This year the Chief Constable received 27 applications, amounting to £1,013,015, in respect of financial support for CCTV systems. 23 bids were deemed acceptable and grants to the value of £512,900 have been approved. North Lanarkshire CCTV Ltd., on behalf of North Lanarkshire Council, has written to the Chief Constable accepting the grant award of £58,000. The award represents a reduction of 21½% on last year’s total.

4.2 This further highlights the difficulty facing the company at this time and whilst the Chief Constable provides an invaluable source of support and financial assistance, it is clear that further discussion is required to minimise any potential longer-term difficulties in managing the systems

5 CCTV Evaluation of Beneficiaries

5.1 Members will recall a decision taken at Committee to conduct an evaluation by consultant's into identifying the beneficiaries of CCTV and to attempt to put a monetary value on those benefits. This study will be used to inform discussions and negotiations with partners on the future funding of CCTV in North Lanarkshire.

This work was tendered to 4 consultancy companies listed below

Hall Aitken Associates

EKOS Limited

Halcrow Fox

William Webster

who were asked to provide costs for completing the work within an agreed timeframe. All indicated that they could not meet the deadline and declined to provide a cost. Subsequently each consultant was contacted again and asked to submit a price for the work and outline a timescale. The costs submitted are outlined below:-

<u>FIRM</u>	<u>TIMESCALE</u>	<u>COST</u>
Hall Aitken Associates 50 Wellington Street Glasgow G2 6HJ	August-November	£16,900 + Vat
EKOS Limited St George's Studios 93-97 St George's Road Glasgow G3 6JA	1 st September – 10 weeks = 1 st Sept – 10 th Nov	£12,202 + Vat
Halcrow Fox 16 Abercromby Place Edinburgh EH3 6LB	6 weeks commencing September	£9,950 + Vat
William Webster Glasgow Caledonian University Cowcaddens Glasgow	No return	

Halcrow Fox have now been appointed to conduct this study which will be reported to Committee at the earliest possible opportunity following its completion.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are asked to:-

- (i) note that North Lanarkshire CCTV Limited has been awarded a total of £58,000 from the Chief Constable's CCTV Grant Support Scheme, and,
- (ii) further note that this sum represents a reduction of 21½% on last year's total.
- (iii) note the appointment of Halcrow Fox to conduct the evaluation of beneficiaries study.
- (iv) agree that this study will be reported to Committee at the earliest opportunity.



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