



<b>DECISION 2015/55</b>	<b>DATE: 29 OCTOBER 2015</b>
<b>TITLE: REQUEST FOR FUNDING – BLACKPOOL COUNCIL CCTV HUB</b>	
<b>REPORT BY: LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH - CRIME, REOFFENDING AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICER</b>	

**Executive Summary:**

- Funding bid has been received from Paolo Pertica Head of Visitor Services for support in their quest to upgrade their CCTV system £52, 665.30
- Blackpool are part of the TCA bid and as such receive match funding for this upgrade to CCTV but make a request for funding to replace the camera to upgrade the system for better quality of images captured and therefore the ability to support the police in identification of offenders.
- Other developments to their system have the extensive use of volunteers and a service delivery that matches the revised demand.

**Recommendation:**  
The Commissioner is recommended to approve the proposed funding as outlined in the proposal below.

Signature  
  
Police and Crime Commissioner  
  
Date

**1. Background and Advice**

The Commissioner has indicated his intention to work in partnership to support the delivery of his priorities and outcomes in particular in respect of reducing crime and reoffending together with supporting tackling crime initiatives. The allocation of this funding supports this intention and demonstrates the Commissioner's commitment to work in partnership with local councils.

**2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

The promotional items detailed in Appendix B support the Commissioner's Priorities as detailed in the Police and Crime Plan and there will be the opportunity to be part of the launch and the marketing of this upgrade and revamp to reassure business and the public alike.

**3. Consultation**

N/A

**4. Implications**

- a. Legal
- b. Financial
- c. Equality considerations

**5. Background Papers**

None

**6. Public access to information**

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Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION – As above</b>	
<p><b>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</b></p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature.....Date.....</p>	

## 'Appendix B

A funding bid has been received from Blackpool Council – Head of Visitor Services for £52,665.30 match funded by the Transformational Challenge Aware (TCA) in respect of an improvement to the towns CCTV system.

Blackpool are part of the TCA bid and as such link in with the CCTV meeting strand of the Prevent agenda which sees Blackburn with Darwen moving to a new hub joined by other councils with consistency and best practice spread across to Preston and Blackpool. A consultant is supporting this work and providing an appropriate specification for all areas in which cameras to purchase etc.

Blackpool's system was first established 10 years ago and has had many upgrades and repairs. The control however has not seen any upgrades and the Council have struggled to support any investment in this area until recently when DCLG and the Home Office provided funding for improving CCTV provision in conjunction with Serious and Organised Crime agenda. Subsequent to this funding it was apparent that the CCTV system was recording but due to cuts in the resource to monitor this was also a service that had been greatly reduced. Any footage required by the Police must be traced retrospectively by a CCTV engineer. This is unsustainable and does not support police activity.

A new model is being developed to enable the monitoring of the CCTV in partnership with the local BID and West Division. The new model will utilise a mix of paid staff and volunteers. This new service is hoped to be ready to launch mid to late November. Whilst it is recognised that the new funding has gone some way to upgrade the monitors and the digital video recording equipment – no funding has been available to replace some of the older CCTV within the town centre.

If funding was made available it would be used to replace up to 15 cameras – thus improving the overall quality of the images captured and, therefore, the capacity of the local police to monitor known offenders and protect victims. It is anticipated that if the funding were to be granted it would replace the existing cameras which would last for 5 – 10 years.

Camera type – Bosh Mic 550 – modern devices with high image quality, which along with recent upgrading of the digital recording equipment purchased with the DCLG and Home Office Grant would make the overall CCTV capability in Blackpool of much higher quality. This cost is for cameras, power supplies, cables etc and totals £52,665.30

In linking to the Police and Crime Commissioners objectives – the following evidence is supplied

**Protect Vulnerable People** – improvement of quality of images, expand the area covered by CCTV. Therefore provide better support to the police and partners to identify offenders, prevent crime and in turn increase the protection of vulnerable people

**Reducing Crime** – CCTV plays a pivotal role in preventing and therefore reducing crime. The presence of CCTV can offenders and allows police officers to be directed in the first place.

**Reducing/Reoffending** – CCTV can make a conviction possible and in turn through the CJ processes enable the opportunity to engage on reducing reoffending programmes.

**Community Reassurance** – CCTV often mentioned at PACT meetings and other area forums where local media are present and is a key element of businesses in their protection against Crime.

If the funding is approved there will be a well-publicised launch with media coverage of which the Police and Crime Commissioner would be an integral part.

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