

## **Crime and Disorder Select Committee**

A meeting of Crime and Disorder Select Committee was held on Thursday, 8th March, 2018.

**Present:** Cllr David Wilburn (Chair); Cllr Paul Rowling (Vice Chair); Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Carol Clark, Cllr Kevin Faulks, Cllr Mrs Sylvia Walmsley (vice Cllr Dalgarno), Cllr Barry Woodhouse

**Officers:** Jamie McCann, Marc Stephenson (CS); Judy Trainer, Annette Sotheby (DCE)

**Also in attendance:** Cllr Norma Wilburn (Cabinet Member)

**Apologies:** Cllr Paul Weston, Cllr Stephen Richardson

### **CAD 46/17 Evacuation procedure**

The evacuation procedure was noted.

### **CAD 47/17 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest from Members recorded.

### **CAD 48/17 Scrutiny Review of CCTV**

The Director of Community Services and Care for Your Area Operations Manager presented a comprehensive report on the Council's CCTV service including film footage showing the coverage and quality of the CCTV cameras.

The Council's scheme operates within the boundaries of Stockton-on-Tees and is entirely owned and operated by the Council who are responsible for the management, administration and security of the system. The Council work in close partnership with strategic partners such as the Police, Fire and Rescue, Home Office departments and the Environment Agency.

The network comprises of 173 cameras which are monitored 24/7 in a purpose built control room. The control room are also responsible for monitoring several hundred other cameras, lone worker devices and intruder and fire alarms for private sector businesses and is operated on a commercial basis funded by revenue from the private sector. The vast majority of funding from the Council is from Members' Community Participation budgets.

The service had benefitted from recent investment in the region of £80,000 from the Council for cameras in Stockton Town Centre. Performance over the past five years was set out in the report to the Select Committee and in 2017/18 there had been over 600 arrests, over 4000 reported incidents, 1,120 reviews carried out for the Police and 694 lines of enquiry progressed.

The main issues discussed were as follows:

- Difficulties in achieving coverage in residential areas
- The potential for joint working with other Local Authorities
- The reliance on funding from Members' Community Participation Budgets
- The requirement for a privacy impact assessment for every new camera and the need for a proportionate response to problems
- The fast pace of improvements in technology in this area e.g. face recognition and use of drones

The Committee were satisfied that the service was operating a well-coordinated system, and improvements to the operation of the service meant that this no longer warranted an in-depth review. However, further information on CCTV coverage across the Borough, including Councillor supported CCTV, was requested in conjunction with a visit to the upgraded control room. It was suggested that the opportunity to visit the control room should also be made available to all Members.

AGREED that the information be noted and further information on CCTV coverage across the Borough be provided to Committee in conjunction with a visit to the upgraded control room.

**CAD 49/17 Work Programme**

The next meeting to be held on 26th April 2018.

AGREED that the work programme be noted.

**Chairman** -----