

PROPOSED CCTV AT OLD SINFIN

Report of the Director of Derby Homes

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. This report proposes the installation of CCTV on the Old Sinfín estate and seeks the approval of the Service Improvement Committee to develop the proposal in consultation with tenants, residents and others.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the committee approve the development and implementation of CCTV on the Old Sinfín estate to be funded from Homes Pride Capital Project subject to appropriate consultation with tenants and residents.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Old Sinfín is a pre-war estate of 354 properties owned by Derby City Council and 65 properties owned by Walbrook Housing Association. There are 28 owner occupied former council houses on the estate.
- 3.2 Old Sinfín estate has been a difficult to manage estate for some years. It has high void turnover rates, high rent arrears, low demand and has a reputation as a high crime area. The Derby City Crime and Disorder Audit 2001 states "the overall crime rate in Sinfín is 19% above average". The Corporate Plan prioritises Safer Communities and proposes the extension of CCTV to improve safety and security.
- 3.3 A variety of initiatives with the Police have been tried over the several years. Excellent relations with the Police exist, assisted by the local beat officers being based in the Old Sinfín Local Housing Office.
- 3.4 Discussions are ongoing with Walbrook about working in partnership with them on the management of their housing stock.
- 3.5 Estimates for the provision of CCTV have recently been obtained for two basic surveillance schemes. The first is for 6 cameras with pan, tilt and focus facilities to cover the main routes into the estate. The second would provide coverage for the majority of the roads and pavements, 10 cameras with pan, tilt and zoom facilities would be required. It may be possible to add this proposal to an existing CCTV contract. Monitoring of the CCTV cameras would be carried out at Roman House which has a direct transmission facility to the Police.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

4. There is a need to consult tenants and residents about the installation of CCTV on the estate. Initial soundings do seem very positive. Local residents have asked for CCTV to protect a proposed refurbished play area. Consultation will also take place with ward councillors, the City Council, the Police and the Crime and Disorder Partnership.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is not possible to give precise financial implications because at this stage estimates and not firm quotations have been received.

Option A - 6 cameras - capital cost to include transmission approximately £75,000 with approximate annual revenue costs of £21,600.

Option B - 10 cameras - capital cost to include transmission approximately £125,000 with annual revenue costs of approximately £36,000.

- 5.2 A recent service charge of £1.40 would be applied, which would generate approximately £24,000 a year revenue, depending on vacancy rates. Walbrook Housing Association will be asked to levy a similar charge to help cover costs.
- 5.3 There is no mechanism for charging owner occupiers who will benefit. There will be some savings in terms of void rent loss/turnover and potentially some savings in repairing damage and vandalism to property.

LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

6. Derby Homes is legally required to consult with tenants in accordance with Section 102 Housing Act 1985.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. None.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The installation of CCTV on the Old Sinfin estate would create a safer environment for people to live in. the presence of CCTV would reduce the criminal behaviour, that blights the lives of so many tenants.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. The creation of a safer environment with reduced fear of crime both real and perceived, will create a better living environment for all sections of the community.

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