Joint Executive Meeting

CCTV Operations Manager Report of Control Room Performance for

January – March 2019

1 Operations

The team looks to ensure that all the Partnership cameras are working to our Operational Standards and review the different makes of cameras and costs. We continue to raise the attention to Council Officers of the need to replace old and beyond economical repair cameras and work closely to ensure these are replaced in a timely fashion. Red Vision have now informed the Partnership that they will no longer be producing analogue systems to and will be going digital. Most of the old "Shoebox" Cameras have been replaced as these were no longer supported 4 years ago. We are currently report 5 working Shoebox cameras and will eventually need to replace these with Red Vision IP cameras. The "Bosch Micky's" also are no longer supported and were reported in last year's Annual Report at 102 – and over the next 12 months we will continue to replace these with Red Vision IP's.

We have had no requests for a RIPA from the Police during this period. We can report that we have had no complaints or breaches in the Data Protection Act/GDPR.

Shop/Pub Watch radio links, which are now digital, continue to be an important role for the Control Room operatives. With its usual increase in shoplifting and night time activities the operatives continue to work closely with the radio users to ensure the security of staff and safety of the general public is made and at the same time in conjunction with the Police to ensure law and order is enforced.

I report that the new Control Room move continues and have attached some pictures and latest report from the contractors of works completed. See Appendix E.

2 Lighting Columns (Ringways)

There has been no response to date from any requests to progress the mobile cameras movements and Licences required from HCC. In spite of support from County Councillors and Andy Stovold the Head of Community Partnerships at Three Rivers writing to HCC on behalf of districts, we are still not in a position to move forward.

3 SECURITY INDUSTRY AUTHORITY (SIA).

The SIA have recently published a statement requesting non-front line SIA licence required for those who manage, supervise and/or employ individuals who engage in licensable activity, as long as front line activity is not carried out. In a local authority, this means that every member of the local authority (i.e. each elected councillor, including the chair and any elected mayor) must be licensed whenever the local authority's employees are carrying out licensable activities.

https://www.sia.homeoffice.gov.uk/Pages/licensing-local-authority.aspx

We are currently looking for clarification from the SIA as this will be a huge cost implication. Please see below an email response from the LGA regarding SIA Licensing.

Dear Colleagues

We refer to the above matter and our email of 15 February 2019, following receipt of information from SIA that the PSIA applies to Local Authorities. Thank you for your response. Following the request for legal advice which we offered to procure, we now enclose copy of the opinion of Leading Counsel Andrew Sharland QC.

Leading counsel's opinion is that the Act does apply to local authorities and Councillors fall within the definition of "director" under the Act. This is because local authorities' affairs are managed by their councillors.

Accordingly, it is important for local authorities who provide security services to third parties to ensure that all councillors and individuals who are employed in the provision of the service have appropriate licences and act within the scope of their licenses.

The fee for each licence is £220.

The Secretary of State has the power to grant exemptions from licensing requirement in certain circumstance. See para 20 of Counsel's opinion. Please let us know whether you would like us to explore with SIA the possibility of seeking an exemption under   section 4 of the Act..