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**CCTV BID FOR CAMERAS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS
CITY WIDE**

Report of the Director of Housing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details of a successful bid which has been made to the Home Office for finance to install a further 85 closed circuit television cameras to residential areas shown at Appendix 1, extensions to the Control Room building at Blackbird Road and enhancement of the communications infrastructure with video and audio communications to Police Headquarters.
- 1.2 The CCTV monitoring centre at the Housing Depot Blackbird Road was created to provide CCTV door entry control to residential tower blocks and flats, replacing the less efficient and problematic concierge service and this was self financing. Last years successful bid for CCTV cameras utilised the monitoring centre and its capacity to take many more cameras. Similarly this years bid is heavily influenced by the infrastructure already in place and the need to make enhancements.
- 1.3 CCTV can improve crime prevention and crime detection considerably.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the areas in which cameras are to be installed be noted.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The bid is for £2.546 million.

3.2 The revenue costs associated with the bid are shown below:

EXPENDITURE	2001/02 £'000	2002/03 £'000	2003/04 £'000	2004/05 £'000
Maintenance & Replacement	0	17	34	50
Line Rental	34	34	34	34
Staffing	18	36	36	36
Total	52	87	104	120
Existing Budget Provision	-22	-22	-22	-22
Funding Requirement	30	65	82	98

3.3 No inflation is included in the above figures and there will be an ongoing funding requirement at the 2004/05 level of £98,000.

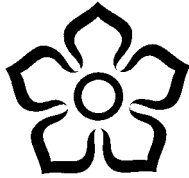
3.4 Additional funding for running costs in 2001/02 will be met from existing budgets.

3.5 Funding for future years will be considered by the Council as a commitment when it sets its budget for 2002/03.

APPENDIX 1

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED CCTV CAMERA LOCATIONS

Braunstone, incl Bridges House	5 cameras
Thurnby Lodge incl Dudley House	10 cameras
Braunstone Frith	7 cameras
Belgrave & St Marks incl John Minto House	10 cameras
Netherhall	4 cameras
Rowlatts Hill incl Gumbril House	12 cameras
Saffron Lane	4 cameras
St Matthews incl Helena Roberts House	11 cameras
Northfields, Morton & Tailby incl Merrydale Court	10 cameras
Beaumont Leys incl Barnett Janner House	4 cameras
New Parks	8 cameras
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TOTAL	85 cameras



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CCTV BID FOR CAMERAS ON LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL HOUSING ESTATES (CITY WIDE)

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4. REPORT

- 4.1 The City Council, in conjunction with the Leicestershire Constabulary, has submitted this years bid to the Home Office through the Crime and Disorder Partnership, for finance for the additional closed circuit television systems required in various residential areas, as stated in the Appendix to this report. The schemes proposed also includes alterations and extensions to the Control Room at Blackbird Road. In addition, the control strategy will have the facility for images to be transferred from Blackbird Road to Police Headquarters via Area Traffic Control/City Centre CCTV by an enhanced communication link.
- 4.2 The bid for 2001/2002 is the second and final year of opportunity to obtain finance from the Home Office for CCTV initiatives. The finance required from the Home Office for the Housing CCTV system amounts to £2,545,750. The bidding process is in two rounds for which the bid has received approval in round one and has now passed to the second round.
- 4.3 To support the bid members of the Project Team met Barry Hartley, a senior civil servant at the Government Office for the East Midlands, at which an encouraging response was received. As part of an integrated approach, the Leicester Crime and Disorder Partnership supported other bids as follows:
- (i) Improvements to the communications infrastructure for Area Traffic Control/City Centre CCTV
 - (ii) De Montfort University CCTV system
 - (iii) Glenfield Hospital CCTV system

De Montfort University and Glenfield Hospital have subsequently been informed that their bids have been unsuccessful and have therefore not passed to round two of the bidding process.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 5.1 The positions of all cameras have been identified following consultation with the local Policing units and Housing Managers based on police crime statistics and local knowledge.

The aims of the proposed scheme is to reduce crime and disorder and also the fear of crime and disorder for all citizens in the areas of the proposed scheme.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The City Council is continuing in its policy to take measures to provide a safe environment for all citizens of Leicester in keeping with the policies of the Crime and Disorder Partnership.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 All contracts will be examined and let by the Head of Legal Services.

8. SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The scheme will involve the installation of cameras on CCTV masts with underground ducting to communication nodes. The position of all masts will be discussed with the planning authority, and all excavation works will be co-ordinated to minimise the impact on the individual areas. Excavation works will be returned to its original condition. All requirements of EMAS will be complied with.

9. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 9.1 The aims and objectives of the Housing Department are “A decent home to be within the reach of every citizen of Leicester” encompassing the following:
- (a) To improving the conditions of the Leicester housing stock and resolve unfitness of housing in all sectors.
 - (b) To reduce the number of empty homes in Leicester
 - (c) To enable the citizens of Leicester to stay in their homes as long as it continues to meet their needs
 - (d) To enable all citizens to have access to affordable warmth and a healthy living environment.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The scheme has been formulated by the Leicester Partnership against Crime & Disorder.

The objectives of the scheme is to reduce crime and disorder and also the fear of crime and disorder in the areas covered by the scheme. The anticipated success of the scheme is based on the results achieved in previous phases including the pilot scheme at Northfields.

11. CONSULTATION

- 11.1 Consultation has taken place with the Head of Legal Services, the Director of Environment and Development (Community Safety Team) and the Leicestershire Constabulary in the production of this report.

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1 Report on options for the future operations of Tower Blocks Security Receptionist Services to Housing Committee, November 1997.
Report on Tower Block Concierge to Housing Committee, March 1998.
Report on Review of Staffing Arrangements for Tower Blocks Security/ Receptionists Service to Housing Committee, 2 June 1998
Report on Tenders for the provision of Central Concierge to Housing Committee, August 1998
Report on the future of the Tower Blocks, St Matthews, Rowlatts Hill to Housing Committee, January 1999
Report on Tower Blocks at St Matthews, Rowlatts Hill – April 1999
Report on the Tower Block Update to Housing Committee – August 1999
Report on the Tower Blocks St Matthews, Rowlatts Hill to Housing Committee – November 1999
Report on the Governments CCTV Initiative to Housing Committee – February 2000
Report on the Claim for Compensation under the Contract for Installing CCTV in Tower Blocks and Crime Reduction Programme.
Crime and Disorder CCTV Initiative Bid Document to the Home Office submitted by the Crime and Disorder Partnership for 2001/2002.

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