

# **REPORT: ITEM 10b SAFER PLYMOUTH PARTNERSHIP – CCTV CONSULTATION**

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There is a significant review under way in respect of CCTV provision for Plymouth; including a whole-scale re-sighting of the CCTV Control Room to another premises in the city.

The Council fully funds CCTV provision which provides a benefit in respect of tackling crime and disorder and traffic management. There is no additional funding as part of this review, but there is an opportunity to look at, with stakeholders and communities, the provision and consider whether there is the right cover, in the right places, at the right times. The Police have made small contributions in the past via grant funding, but this has been discontinued. Safer Plymouth has, and continues to make, small contributions to enable additional CCTV provision/cover for peak/seasonal time and periods.

The interface between CCTV and the public has changed greatly from the public being very suspicious of it when it was initially introduced into the city, to now the public feeling very reliant on it in respect of making them feel safe. The suggestion of any removal or malfunction of CCTV has the tendency to make communities feel unsafe.

There is a real opportunity for Safer Plymouth Partnership to support and contribute to how CCTV is provided in the future. This could be achieved through this Partnership by involving key stakeholders and partners, and your connections with communities, in contributing to the CCTV review.

The Chair, Vice Chair, the lead officer for the review Mike Artherton (Parking and Marine Services Officer) and Sarah Hopkins have recently met to discuss this, and are recommending to Safer Plymouth Partnership to support this significant piece of consultation work, to support the review, over a period of the next 8-12 months.

This piece of work will fit one of the priorities of Safer Plymouth to engage with the public and key stakeholders on matters of crime and disorder. Led by Charlie Green, Vice Chair of Safer Plymouth, research will be undertaken to gain a much clearer and holistic understanding of where CCTV is currently sited and then consulting key stakeholders and communities in the form of, for example, on-the-street surveys and interviews in the future provision. The messages around this consultation will have to be handled extremely carefully so as not to raise expectations in communities that there will be 'more' CCTV in the city.

The findings of the consultation will be reported back to Safer Plymouth Partnership early in 2015 and fed into the CCTV review.

## **Recommendation:**

Members of Safer Plymouth are asked to agree:

- Approve this proposal
- For the Vice Chair, Charlie Green, to lead on this consultation.

- Safer Plymouth Partners to provide the required support for this project where appropriate and possible.

**Charlie Green**  
**Vice Chair, Safer Plymouth Partnership**