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DECISION 2016/56	DATE: 6 MARCH 2017
TITLE: CCTV – WINCKLEY SQUARE PRESTON	
REPORT BY: LOUISE FAIRCLOUGH – CRIME, REOFFENDING & CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICER	

Executive Summary

Winckley Square in Preston City Centre has recently seen renovation within its park area. This will provide a focal point in the city centre for entertainment and people seeking a quiet space to spend leisure time.

There has been considerable development in Preston Town Centre CCTV capability and the restoration of Winckley Square provides an opportunity to change a number of features in the area as deterrents to crime to provide reassurance to visitors to the park, surrounding areas and to Preston city Centre in general.

A contribution of £20k has been requested to support the implementation of CCTV. There is considerable match funding from the BID/Winckley Square Community Interest Company

Recommendation

That the Commissioner consider and approve the contribution of £20k to support the improvements to Preston City Centre CCTV provision.

Signature 

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date 9th March 2017

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1. Background and Advice

Preston City Centre is identified consistently as an area which has the highest rates of crime. This has been linked to alcohol related crime arising from the night time economy in addition to the negative affect that these crimes have on the local businesses. The nature of the locality increases the vulnerability of people particularly when they are under the influence of alcohol or other substances.

Within the CSPs current strategic assessment it has been has identified that the area around the west side of Fishergate has an area for the highest number of crimes which impact harm. At present there is only limited amount of public space CCTV. These are routes for pedestrians accessing businesses and public areas including the recently restored park area in Winckley Square which will provide a focal point for visitors to the city for entertainment and people seeking a quiet space in which to spend leisure time.

Deterrents to crime are more likely to provide reassurance to visitors to the park and surrounding areas

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

It is felt that the increase in the number and provision of CCTV will assist frontline policing by alerting patrols, recording information and assisting in investigations through the provision of good quality images. Evidence quality and capability will be significantly enhanced by the installation of four additional CCTV cameras with the Winckley Square Park.

The Community and visitors will have greater protection and reassurance and the most vulnerable people will be better safeguarded by deployment of cameras.

Disruption of criminality and anti social behaviour will reduce the number of calls to the Police. The deployment of CCTV will assist frontline policing by recording information and assisting in investigations through the provision of good quality images.

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Legal

b. Financial

The proposed allocation of funding is contained in the Reducing Reoffending Budget

c. Equality considerations

It is not consider that the contents of this proposal and the subsequent delivery of service proposed will disproportionately affect any protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010.


5. Background Papers

Attached – completed form from Alison Hatton Community Safety Manager – Preston

6. Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature.....Date.....</p>	