

Meeting: Harbour Committee

Date: 16 December 2019

Wards Affected: All wards in Torbay

Report Title: CCTV upgrade for Brixham Harbour

Is the decision a key decision? Yes

When does the decision need to be implemented? 16 December 2019

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 This report seeks authorisation to upgrade Brixham Harbour's CCTV system to address concerns raised by Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Environment Agency (EA) officers during recent inspections.

2. Reason for Proposal and associated financial commitments

- 2.1 HSE and EA reports concerning Brixham Harbour have all independently raised concerns about the quality, coverage and reliability of the existing CCTV system. They noted that access control cannot adequately be maintained due to blind-spots and that the quality was insufficient to identify persons committing byelaw offences eg fly-tipping.
- 2.2 Since their reports were written the system has further deteriorated and a number of cameras no longer work correctly. Furthermore, it no longer integrates with the larger Council CCTV system since the latter was upgraded.
- 2.3 As a result of these issues the Harbour Committee, at their 24 September meeting, resolved that

The Head of the Tor Bay Harbour Authority be requested to investigate CCTV improvement options at Brixham Harbour and make recommendations, together with an options appraisal regarding upgrades to the December Harbour Committee meeting.

2.4 Because Torbay Council has an ongoing CCTV replacement project via openreach, the procurement of which included an options appraisal, the Head of Tor Bay Harbour Authority engaged directly with the project's officers and with openreach to collegiately prepare an appropriate cost-effective engineering solution for Brixham Harbour (Appendix A). This solution has been refined to provide sufficient coverage of the key areas of the harbour estate at the minimum cost.

2.5 The use of openreach offers several additional non-financial advantages:

- guaranteed system interoperability
- economies of scale (especially regarding the service and maintenance contract)
- the ability for harbour staff to employ appropriate non-harbour cameras (eg waterfront cameras) to ensure operational maritime safety
- the ability for each harbour to be monitored from another, thereby ensuring Bay-wide situational awareness at weekends or during ongoing incidents.

2.5 This proposal commits the Harbour Authority to expenditure of up to £86,000 from Harbour Revenue Reserves.

Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

3.1 That the Director of Place be recommended to approve up to £86,000 expenditure from the Harbour Revenue Reserve for the replacement of Brixham Harbour's CCTV system.

Appendices

None

Background Documents

Minutes of the Harbour Committee meeting 24 September, item 74

Section 1: Background Information

1.	What is the proposal / issue? To upgrade the CCTV system on the Brixham Harbour Estate
2.	What is the current situation? The current system is failing (several cameras are not working and only 2 can be remotely controlled; all the others have seized). The harbour has been recently inspected by a number of regulatory bodies who have all noted that the CCTV is not sufficient for the Harbour Authority to be compliant with its regulatory undertakings in that individuals cannot be identified.
3.	What options have been considered? Not to upgrade or replace the current system but this would perpetuate current regulatory non-compliance. Alternatively to procure a system independently of the overall Council CCTV system but this would likely cost more and be non-interoperable. Neither of these options have been taken forward
4.	What is the relationship with the priorities within the Partnership Memorandum and the Council's Principles? This supports a safe and healthy Torbay and contributes to a thriving economy
5.	How does this proposal/issue contribute towards the Council's responsibilities as corporate parents? Not applicable
6.	How does this proposal/issue tackle poverty, deprivation and vulnerability? Not applicable
7.	How does the proposal/issue impact on people with learning disabilities? Not applicable
8.	Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with? How will the Council engage with the community? How can the Council empower the community? The upgrades have been sought by the stakeholders who attend the Brixham Harbour Users forum and additionally the Commercial Fishers' forum. Delivering this project would empower the community.

Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment

9.	What are the financial and legal implications? Approval will result in up to £30,000 of expenditure from the Harbour's Revenue Reserves.
10.	What are the risks? If replacement is not approved then then the Harbour Authority will perpetuate regulatory non-compliance and control & enforcement of harbour activities and byelaws will be extremely difficult.
11.	Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012 Not applicable.
12.	What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal? Discussions with the Council's Community Safety team and with openreach.
13.	What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out? The recommended approach of 'buying into' the existing openreach contract is the cheapest and most expeditious route.
14.	Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions None.