

CCTV/Street Lighting

£25,000 of transitional funding has been applied whilst options are explored for future service delivery.

What work is underway to explore options for future service delivery? What is the associated timetable?

1. The service became the responsibility of Community Safety on the 1st December 2014, so the review and options appraisal is only in its early stages. There are two steps to this review and options appraisal for the CCTV services. The first is to identify sufficient funding to keep a similar or slightly reduced service in place for 2015-16. Community Safety is optimistic it can achieve this, however all of the funding is non recurrent. This work includes putting in place maintenance contracts for Building Access Security and CCTV maintenance for a period up to the 31st March 2016. This should be completed by the end of January 2015.
2. The second step is to review the options for 2016-17 and future years. This includes looking at our current liabilities. There is currently no budget for this period so all options need to be considered but the investigation into this is at an early stage but they will include any of the following or a combination of those options.
 - a. Finding additional funding from new sources/new contracts.
 - b. Investing in the system to save money on both maintenance and BT line cost.
 - c. Working in partnership with facilities management in the TDA.
 - d. Externalising the service.
3. Investigation will also be undertaken into what other delivery mechanisms are available, such as the use of the voluntary sector, but where this delivery approach is undertaken in other areas there still is a requirement for some budget as staff need to be Security Industry Authority trained and the system managed. The Torbay CCTV system is also significantly larger than neighbouring systems.
4. There is however no guarantee that any of these options or a combination of them will work, but it would be anticipated that the review and options appraisal will be in place by mid 2016.

How are the cumulative effects of reducing street lighting being factored into the development of the proposals around CCTV?

The proposed reduction in the number of street lights is expected to be mainly within residential areas and street lighting will be maintained in high profile areas such as the town centre and sea front areas. As the CCTV network covers the high profile areas the reduction in Street lighting is not expected to affect this service. Street lighting will also be maintained in areas identified as having high levels of crime.