



**Prosperous Communities
Committee**

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Subject: Public Space CCTV Report 2021

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Purpose / Summary:

To present the Public Space CCTV Report 2021
and approve its publication.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Committee acknowledge the Public Space CCTV Report 2021 and
approve its publication.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

There are no legal implications associated with this report or the publication of the Public Space CCTV Report 2021.

The Council has a range of measures in place to comply with necessary legal obligations for the use of CCTV in public places including a Code of Practice.

Due regard and compliance are met for the following:

- General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)
- Data Protection Act 2018
- Freedom of Information Act 2000
- British Standards: BS7958 and BS7858
- Procedures and Investigations Act 1996
- Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
- Surveillance Camera Commissioner's CCTV Code of Practice

(N.B.) Where there are legal implications the report MUST be seen by the MO

Financial :

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

FIN REF: FIN/19/23/PC/SL

(N.B.) All committee reports MUST have a Fin Ref

Staffing :

There are no staffing implications associated with this report.

(N.B.) Where there are staffing implications the report MUST have a HR Ref

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

There are no specific implications associated with this report. The use of CCTV complies with all relevant data protection legislation which includes protections on more sensitive information such as special category data

Data Protection Implications :

The Public Space CCTV Report 2021 provides an overview of CCTV activity during 2021 with no personal or sensitive information included.

The Council operates CCTV in public spaces in compliance with relevant data protection legislation. Working practices around the protection of CCTV related data are contained within the Council's CCTV Code of Practice which is reviewed on a regular basis.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

There are no specific implications related to this report. Public Space CCTV does have an environmental impact as it relies on electricity supply to power both our control room facility and CCTV cameras. The electricity usage for CCTV operations is not currently recorded separately from other energy monitoring completed by the Council. This is an area of work officers will explore during 2022/23 to be able to provide more detailed reporting.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

The publication of the Public Space CCTV Report 2021 helps to demonstrate the use and impact of public space CCTV on preventing and detecting crime.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 details how local authorities have a duty to consider the impact of their functions and decision on crime and disorder in their area. The provision of a public space CCTV service is a direct action the Council takes to pro-actively prevent and detect crime.

Health Implications:

There are no specific implications related to this report. The Public Space CCTV Report 2021 does include figures on the number of concern for safety incidents monitored. This incident category includes occasions where CCTV has been used to detect and monitor individuals at risk of harm such as victims of physical attack or domestic abuse and also individuals attempting to self-harm or commit suicide. The use of public space CCTV in such incidents greatly increases our ability to locate and direct police and other emergency support to individuals in immediate need to protect their wellbeing.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

Wherever possible please provide a hyperlink to the background paper/s

If a document is confidential and not for public viewing it should not be listed.

Risk Assessment :

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Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council provides monitored CCTV services for the benefit of the wider public, partners agencies and customers. We use the latest in CCTV technology to deliver high quality surveillance that keeps people, property and assets safe.
- 1.2 Our CCTV Control Centre monitors and records all footage from our camera network. With direct communication links to the police and other agencies we use camera footage to prevent and detect incidents of crime, public disorder, anti-social behaviour, theft and more.
- 1.3 The CCTV Service is owned and operated by West Lindsey District Council who is responsible for the management, administration and security of the system.
- 1.4 The Council uses public space CCTV to:
- Make West Lindsey a safe and clean place in which to live, work and visit
 - Reduce anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse and provide public reassurance
 - Gain evidence of environmental crimes such as graffiti, vandalism, littering, fly-tipping and dog fouling
 - Ensure that traffic flows easily and safely on the road network
 - Provide traffic management support and gain evidence for the enforcement of moving traffic offences
 - Provide assistance and direction in the event of any emergency incident
 - Support police investigations and civil investigations when appropriate
 - Ensure the safety and security of Council and partner agency assets
- 1.5 This report introduces the CCTV Annual Report 2021 and recommends its publication.

APPENDIX 1: CCTV Annual Report 2021

2. CCTV Operation

- 2.1 The Council currently operates a CCTV service with a total of 206 CCTV cameras as per below:

Area/Site	Fixed Cameras	PTZ Cameras	TOTAL
Caenby Corner Depot	15	2	17
Caistor Sports Club		3	3
Gainsborough Public Space	65	28	93
Guildhall	21		21
Hemswell Cliff Public Space		5	5

Area/Site	Fixed Cameras	PTZ Cameras	TOTAL
Lea Fields Crematorium	15	2	17
Market Rasen Leisure Centre	20	2	22
Market Rasen Public Space		5	5
Marshall's Sports Ground	1	2	3
North Warren Road Depot	3	1	4
Plough Business Hub	3		3
Richmond Park	2	3	5
Trinity Arts Centre	8		8
TOTAL:			206

- 2.2 In addition there are 82 cameras currently being installed as part of externally funded work and other routine replacement work.
- 2.3 Scheduled CCTV upgrades will be taking place in Market Rasen, Hemswell Cliff and Richmond Park during 2022/23.
- 2.4 Fixed cameras provide a fixed directional view. PTZ cameras can pan, tilt and zoom and are controlled by our CCTV Operators. Many locations use a mix of PTZ and Fixed cameras to provide a permanent 360-degree coverage.
- 2.5 All CCTV systems operate 24/7 365 days per year with permanent recording.

3. CCTV Impact

- 3.1 As we continue with recovery from the pandemic, we have seen a normalising of crime and incident levels. Our CCTV service is actively helping to prevent crime working closely with Lincolnshire Police and retail premises via our Shop and Pub Watch Schemes.
- 3.2 Following the end of any pandemic lockdowns we have seen a steady increase in shoplifting incidents returning to levels seen prior to the pandemic. CCTV Operators monitor for known offenders and use our 2-way radio system to communicate with Shop Watch members. The primary aim is to prevent known offenders accessing retail stores and being in a position to steal items.
- 3.3 Night time economy (NTE) monitoring is another key focus for CCTV Operators with larger numbers of people visiting Gainsborough and Market Rasen on Friday and Saturday evenings plus key bank holiday dates. CCTV Operators monitor NTE venues and use our 2-way radio system to communicate with Pub Watch members and door staff. Incidents of public disorder, drug dealing/use and violence are monitored and evidential footage is obtained.

- 3.4 CCTV continues to be extensively used for monitoring and locating vulnerable persons. Operators will routinely support Police and partner agencies in locating missing persons of all ages. In particular CCTV is used on a regular basis to aid prompt locating of persons that have threatened or are attempting to self-harm or commit suicide.
- 3.5 Within the past 3 months we have used CCTV footage to support a number of higher profile police investigations and subsequent prosecutions. This has included a spate of commercial burglaries in Gainsborough where some retail premises were targeted multiple times resulting in extensive loss and damage. CCTV footage was used to help track, locate and identify offenders.
- 3.6 Officers will be re-establishing CCTV Control Room visits for Members in May 2022. The visits provide a valuable opportunity for Members to see the Council's CCTV service in operation and gain a greater understanding of its use and impact for live incidents.
- 3.7 Officers will continue to promote the work and impact of public space CCTV through social media and press releases. A joint communication plan and approach has been established with Lincolnshire Police. This includes a focus on prompt publicity of incidents where CCTV has been used to either prevent or detect a crime.

Examples of some social media posts during 2021 are shown below:

West Lindsey District Council
25 February 2021 · 🌐

Our thanks go to the brilliant Lincolnshire Police for their work into this case.

Our CCTV team here at West Lindsey District Council continue to work tirelessly to keep our local communities a safe place to live, work and visit!

<https://www.facebook.com/.../a.4256591.../10159455510879767/>

Lincolnshire Police
25 February 2021 · 🌐

Neil Boswell (44) and Richard Watt (48) appeared before Lincoln Magistrates last week and pleaded guilty to a burglary at Brown's in Marshall's Yard in Gainsborough.

Both men received community orders for the offence committed last month.

The orders have a rehabilitation activity requirement which means that they must complete activities aimed at helping them to avoid reoffending.

Inspector for Gainsborough, Gary Brockie says:

"We have a really good relationship with West Lindsey District Council and their CCTV team were extremely vigilant in detecting this crime and bringing it to our attention.

"We work closely with the council to detect crimes in progress and things that don't look quite right. This helps me to know where my officers need to be so we can protect properties and people."

Communities Manager at West Lindsey District Council Grant White welcomed the outcome. He said:

"CCTV plays a vital role in keeping our communities safe and by working together in partnership with Lincolnshire Police we are able to bring those who commit crime to justice and prevent incidents beginning or escalating.

"However, CCTV has much wider benefits including the safeguarding of local people as it is used to locate people at risk, victims of crime, vulnerable children, adults at risk of self harm and much more."

West Lindsey District Council
31 August 2021 · 🌐

See below for an example of the partnership work between our CCTV teams and local Lincolnshire Police officers, helping to keep our communities safe 🙌

<https://www.facebook.com/.../a.42565917.../10159881783034767>



Lincolnshire Police 🌐
29 August 2021 · 🌐

Prolific offender John Parker, 35, has been given a 12 week sentence after being charged with burglary and breaching his CBO. The arrest is the result of partnership work between us and the CCTV team at @WestLindseyDC.

<http://ow.ly/fwni50G0iMk>

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Committee acknowledge the Public Space CCTV Report 2021 and approve its publication.