

Report of:	Councillor Tony Grainge - Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety Geoff Field - Director of Environment and Community Services
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Submitted to:	Executive - 14 February 2022
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Subject:	Tackling Crime and Antisocial Behaviour – CCTV
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Summary

Proposed decision(s)
That Executive agrees to: a. Release the remaining capital funding of £350,000 for CCTV provision in Middlesbrough.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent?¹
Decision	Yes, impacts two or more wards	No	No

Contribution to delivery of the 2018-22 Strategic Plan		
Business	Place	People
The proposal will provide an opportunity to improve service delivery by strengthening a collaborative approach and removing duplication across services. The approach will have a focus on meeting legal and governance requirements.	The Proposal impacts directly on the Councils Physical Regeneration strategic objectives. By improving perceptions of crime and ASB.	The proposal has a significant contribution to make to Locality Working and our social regeneration strategy. The new model will also provide a focus on a ‘neighbourhood’ working with local communities and key partners.

Ward(s) affected
The proposal impacts across all wards

¹ Remove for non-Executive reports

What is the purpose of this report?

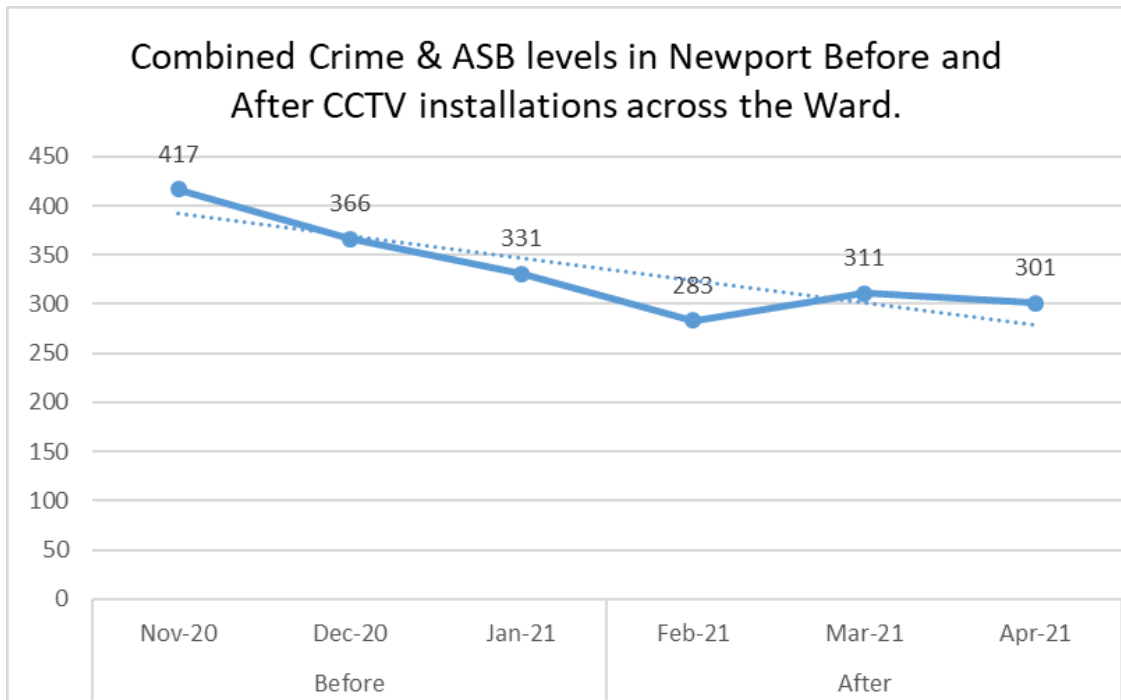
1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - a) Request that Executive release the remaining capital funding of £350,000 to the wider development of CCTV in alleys and hot spot areas throughout Middlesbrough to reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and environmental crime.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

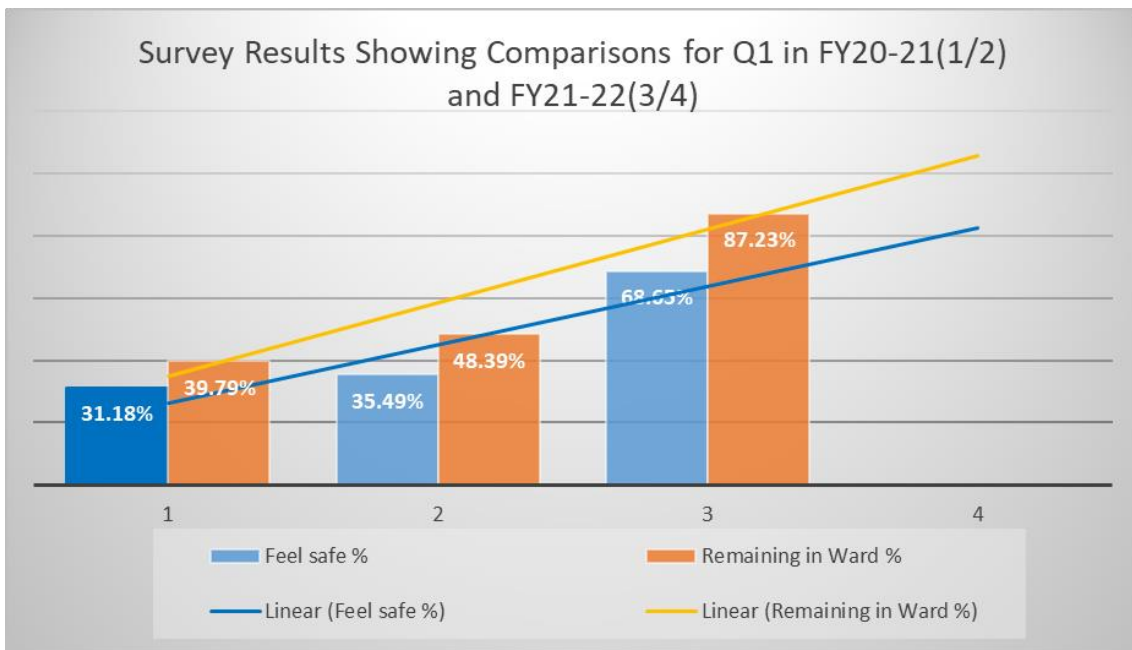
2. The proposal affects more than two wards and therefore is considered a key decision requiring approval by the Executive.

Report Background

3. On 23rd February 2021, Executive approved £50,000 spend to increase CCTV across the Town. Executive approved a further £350,000 spend on receipt of a report outlining the benefits of the initial £50,000.
4. The benefits of the initial £50,000 is set out below:
5. 11 cameras were installed utilising the £50,000. They were installed in the following areas:
 - Netherfields Crescent,
 - Chesterwood,
 - Harford Street Alley,
 - Addington Drive,
 - Portman Street,
 - Thorntree Park,
 - Rear of Pallister Avenue/ Longlands Road,
 - Saltersgill Avenue,
 - Northern Road,
 - Bramwith Avenue,
 - And Centre Square.
6. Crime and ASB in these locations was 139 prior to the CCTV being installed and now Crime and ASB is 119.
7. In addition to the instillation of the 11 cameras above we have also installed 42 cameras via grant funding (Safer Streets Funding) in the Newport ward. Crime and ASB levels reduced by 19.7% after instillation of the cameras and perceptions of local residents have improved significantly over recent months.



8. A Locality Working survey conducted in H2 2020-21 and then again in H1 2021-22 indicated that perceptions of feeling safe in their neighbourhood improved by 33.16% alongside people intending to remain in the ward over 3 years increasing by 38.84%.



9. Information relating to suspected criminal behaviour captured using the CCTV that has been installed has been passed to the Police for further investigation on 419 occasions. 192 of this resulted in further action and Police have used this evidence to bring offenders to justice.

10. A large number of fly tipping incidents have been captured with the assistance of CCTV which have also resulted in enforcement action being taken.
11. Residents and local businesses have said that they feel safer having CCTV in their neighbourhood.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

- a. Release the remaining capital funding of £350,000 for CCTV provision in Middlesbrough.

Why is this being recommended?

12. To enable the team to meet strategic and Mayoral priorities to tackle crime and ASB head on.
13. CCTV would enable the team to gather intelligence on the worst affected areas, increasing the opportunity of a successful prosecution of perpetrators.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

14. Continuing to do what we have always done will result in getting what we have always got and the data suggests that the current approach is not achieving the best possible results.

Legal

15. A Privacy Impact assessment would need to be carried out in line with the Information Commissioners Office Guidance and the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice (Protection of Freedoms Act Code) (PoFA)
16. There are no legal implications regarding use of CCTV in proposed/identified locations due to the fact that an intelligence led approach has been used to justify the proposals. A lawful basis under Article 10 of UK GDPR will be used before sharing criminal offence data.
17. The Council will comply with any codes of practice issued by the Government via the Information/Surveillance Commissioner.

Financial

18. The £350,000 was agreed in principle at the Executive meeting on 23rd February 2021

Policy Framework

19. The report sets out a proposal in accordance with the Council's approach to the delivery of efficient services.

Equality and Diversity

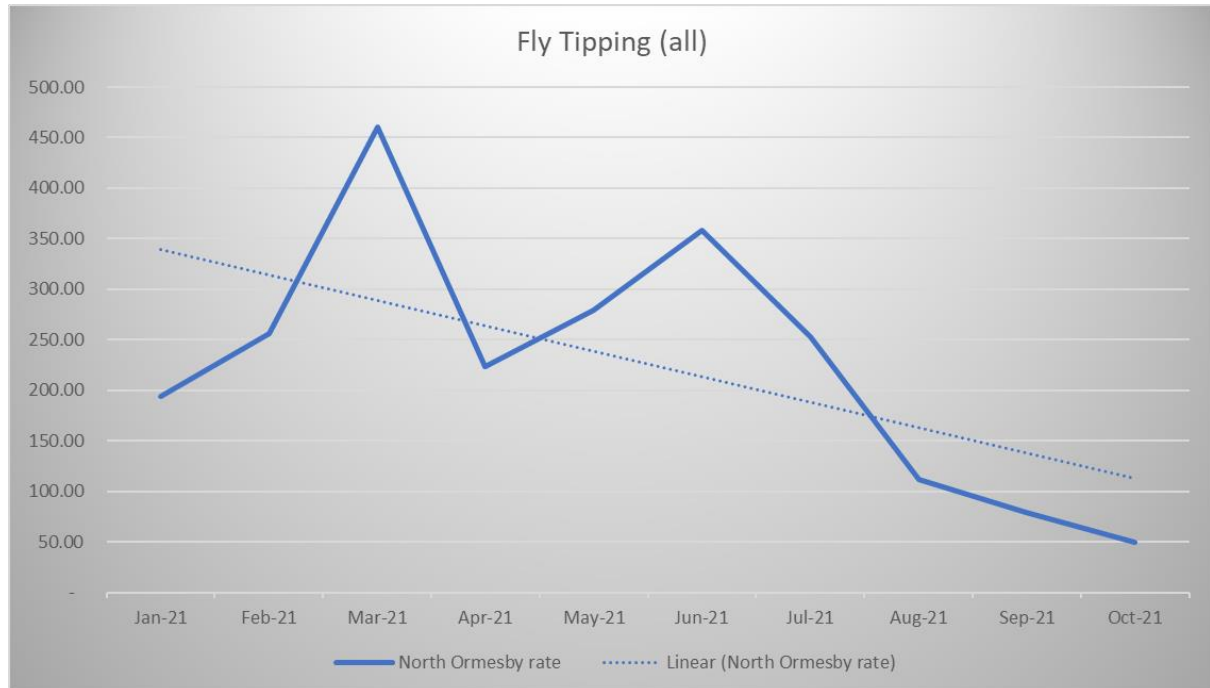
20. An Impact Assessment has been carried out.

Risk

21. The risk is that if the proposal is not accepted then we will continue to see crime, ASB and environment crime increase throughout Middlesbrough.

Environmental

22. CCTV is used to identify perpetrators of environmental crimes such as fly tipping and this is having a positive impact on the levels of fly tipping in areas where we have CCTV. North Ormesby for example over the last 5 months has seen a continued reduction in fly tipping, a reduction of 39.7% in comparison to the 5 months previous.



Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

23. Progress with the plans to increase CCTV across Middlesbrough.

Appendices

24. Appendix 1 - Impact Assessment

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