

CCTV Upgrade



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Background

- Bristol Operations Centre and Housing and Landlord Services project to upgrade CCTV offer
- H&LS element to upgrade CCTV cameras on housing land
- £655,000 investment over two financial years
- £327,000 in 2023/24 to support enabling works for upgrades to infrastructure and cameras
- 473 cameras and equipment across housing sites

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Background

- Number of CCTV cameras are obsolete, unsupported and at end of their life
- CCTV is on an analogue network instead of digital - Digital signal is more efficient and provides clearer images
- Priority sites identified by councillors, police and housing staff in conjunction with local residents

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Safer Streets Funding

- Home Office Initiative - £75 million for the England and Wales in 2022 - 2024 (sum and period varies)
- Funding relates to crime prevention plans in areas affected by high levels of neighbourhood crime, such as burglary and robbery
- Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) with local authorities can submit bids for 'hotspot' areas – usually one bid per PCC area (there are 49 in England and Wales)
- PCCs shortlist and make final decision for award of funds
- £32,000 match funding was secured

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Safer Streets

- Safer Streets funding used to upgrade the infrastructure and cameras at St Mathias House (St Jude's), Middleford, Millmead and Hayleigh House (Hartcliffe)
- St Mathias used as test site as complex and had no cameras
- Hartcliffe sites selected by police, community development, housing due to ASB concerns
- Infrastructure works complete and new cameras are in operation

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Progress to date

- Upgrade of CCTV recorders and data storage – 45k
- Lansdowne Court and Ecclestone House
 - Works have commenced – completion due August 2023
- Commence upgrade works to blocks in priority band 1 in 23/24

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Challenges

- Coordination of CCTV infrastructure surveys with the Mechanical and Electrical (M&E) service who are already undertaking surveys in blocks
 - Coordination of surveys limits the impact on residents
- Surveys may uncover a range of issues that add delay to the project such as asbestos which needs removing
- Being able to complete all priority 1 sites in 23/24

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Opportunities

- The project provides opportunity to enhance the CCTV offer
 - add additional cameras in blocks to increase surveillance
- The quality of images will be vastly improved and help with identification of perpetrators
- CCTV data stored securely

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Next Steps

- Project commitment that blocks in priority band 1 will be upgraded in 23/24 - challenges permitting
- Those in priority bands 2 and 3 will be reviewed and budgets identified and approved for work

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Completed upgrades

Complete		
BLOCK	PRIORITY	Number of Cameras in the block
Millmead House	1	22
Middleford House	1	12
Hayleigh	1	10
St Matthias House	1	5

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Upgrades in progress

In progress		
BLOCK	PRIORITY	Number of Cameras in the block
Lansdowne Court & Vining Walk	1	16
Ecclestone House	1	8

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Priority 1 sites

BLOCK	PRIORITY	Number of Cameras in the block
Twinnell House & Wills Drive	1	14
Beaufort House	1	13
Langton House	1	6
Carr House	1	4
St Pauls Gardens	1	4
Halston Drive	1	4
Burnell Drive	1	4
Beggarswell Close	1	4
Ludlow Close	1	5
Corey Close	1	3
Somerset House	1	7
Ropewalk House	1	13
Barton House	1	16
River Street	1	4
Rawnsley House & Highett Drive	1	6
Redcliffe blocks (tbc)	1	tbc

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Priority 2 sites

BLOCK	PRIORITY	Number of Cameras in the block
Phoenix House	2	16
Croydon House	2	tbs
Ashmead House	2	24
Oak House	2	13
Chestnut House	2	6
Willow House	2	8
Ashman Close	2	6

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Priority 3 sites

BLOCK	PRIORITY	Number of Cameras in the block
Rowan House	3	11
Harwood House	3	13
Corbett House	3	14
Tyndall House	3	7
Longlands House	3	9
John Cozens	3	3

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