



Glasgow City Council
Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City
Policy Committee

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Briefing note on the Petition “CCTV for Garnethill”

Purpose of Report:

To provide information on the Petition

Recommendation:

The Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City policy Committee of the background to the petition.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Community Engagement

CSG staff have working with Gartnethill residents for a number of years, CSG staff have carried out a range of site visits to Garnethill with representatives from the Community Council about issues relating to general antisocial behavior, street dinking, overflowing bins, graffiti and dog fouling.

In response to issues raised by the community, CSG has tasked services to remove graffiti, CEOs to patrol the area and contact was made with colleagues in Land & Environmental Services. In addition CSG and Police Scotland agreed that the area would benefit from more attention.

CSG staff also delivered tailored safety inputs to students from Glasgow School of Art before and after the first fire occurred.

2.2 2016 Activity

In November 2016 Garnethill Community Council requested a CCTV camera as the most recent incident the community had experienced was a burned out car at the end of Buccleuch Lane (NE end of Garnethill).

CSG and Police Scotland carried out a site visit and spoke to a number of local residents, this was followed by a meeting to look at the feasibility of siting a CCTV camera in the area.

Garnethill is a continuation of the City Centre grid system and has around twenty two corners where roads cross each other, the topography of the area is made up of steep gradients, and therefore CCTV coverage at any of these would necessarily be limited. Within Garnethill Park there is occasional drinking and disorder, CSG staff and local residents couldn't identify a single location that would give suitable or extensive coverage.

In December 2016 CSG engineers carried out three site visits in Garnethill scoping out the installation of CCTV via radio link which is a more cost effective solution than a hard wired installation. Due to the elevation profile and building design a radio solution was not possible.

2.3 2017 Activity

In January 2017 CSG staff reported the findings of the three site visits to Garnethill Community Council and local elected members. CSG staff continue to attend regular resident meetings and responds to enquiries.

2.4 2018 Activity

Early in 2018 CSG assisted the Garnethill residents to establish a Neighbourhood Watch initiative and CSG staff attend have attended four neighborhood watch meetings to date.

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In October 2018 CSG staff received a request from Garnethill Neighbourhood Watch for a CCTV mobile camera van within Renfrew Street as there had been assaults. CSG staff then contacted the police to ascertain what incidents had occurred within the area before a request for resource was submitted. Police Scotland advised that there had been two assaults.

In November 2018 Police Scotland contacted CSG staff requesting a CCTV mobile camera van to patrol the area of New City Road, Shamrock Street and Scott Street between the hours of 1800-2000 hours daily as there were reports of numerous cars attending on a daily basis for possible drug dealing. Police Scotland also requested another CCTV mobile camera van to patrol the area of Renfrew Street at the stairs leading to the viewpoint between the hours of 1800-2000 hours to deter suspicious persons frequenting the area. CSG provided two vans to the police which they resourced on 28th, 29th and 30th November from 1700-2200 hours.

3. ANALYTICAL ANALYSIS

3.1 ASB Overview

Across Glasgow community safety partners meet as part of a monthly Multi Agency Tasking and Coordinating (MATAC) process. This process uses and analyses data to identify community safety priority areas across the city, allowing partners to jointly target resources at these issues. As part of the MATAC process the Garnethill area has been identified as a local priority area due to concerns raised by the community and local elected members.

In November, 2018, Anderston/City/Yorkhill Multi-Member Ward (MMW), which includes the Garnethill area, was ranked the highest for public reported antisocial behaviour (ASB) out of 23 MMWs across Glasgow. ASB incidents levels within the ward area are currently 7% lower (YTD Apr – Nov) in comparison to 2017/18. The ward area also ranks the highest for violent crime and experiences nearly five times the level of violence compared to the Glasgow average. Violent crime levels have also reduced significantly over the past five years and by 2% during 2018/19 (Apr – Nov) in comparison to the same period in 2017/18.

The most concentrated levels of antisocial behaviour and violence within the ward are located within the busy city centre day and night economy districts (Sauchiehall Street, Buchanan Street, Argyle Street and Queen Street). The Garnethill area is within close proximity to Sauchiehall Street / Bath Street and experiences some residual crime / ASB, with the area being used as an access route to the North of the city. Similar residual crime / ASB issues are experienced in other routes out of the city.

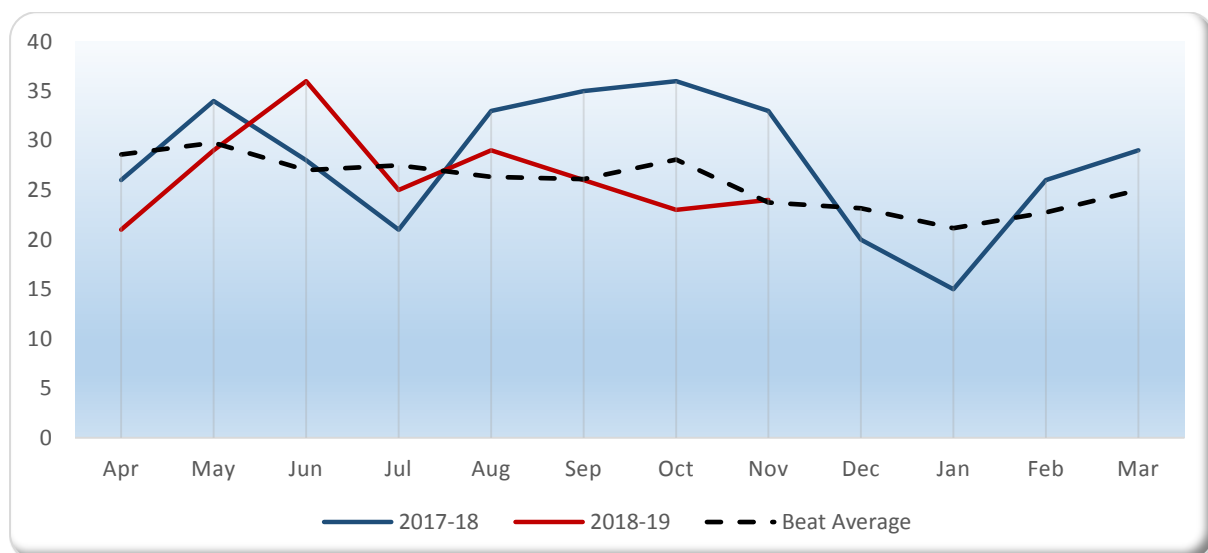
The following table highlights the top 15 streets in the Anderston/ City/ Yorkhill ward for reports of ASB from April to November 2018 and a comparison to April to November 2017. The rank is based on the number of ASB recorded year to date (April – November 2018) in each street in Anderston/ City/ Yorkhill. Four of the main streets in Garnethill and where they rank overall in the ward are shown for comparison purposes.

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ASB Incidents per Top 15 Streets in Anderston/ City/ Yorkhill Apr – Nov 2018

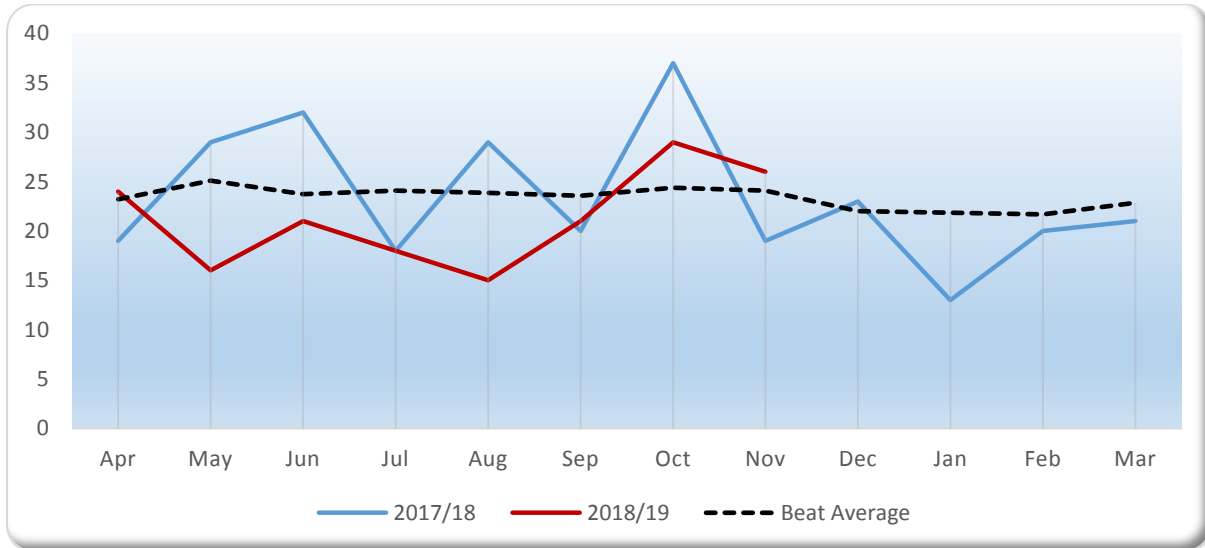
		YTD 2018	Apr – Nov	Apr - Nov 18	% Change	CC
Street Name		Rank	17	18	2018 vs 2017	TV
Anderston/ City/ Yorkhill Top 15 Street ASB Apr – Nov 18	ARGYLE STREET	1	763	589	-22.8%	YES
	SAUCHIEHALL STREET	2	891	586	-34.2%	YES
	BUCHANAN STREET	3	321	344	7.2%	YES
	GORDON STREET	4	244	219	-10.2%	YES
	UNION STREET	5	224	182	-18.8%	YES
	HOPE STREET	6	180	172	-4.4%	YES
	TRONGATE	7	132	154	16.7%	YES
	RENFIELD STREET	8	153	149	-2.6%	YES
	JAMAICA STREET	9	126	140	11.1%	YES
	BATH STREET	10	122	127	4.1%	YES
	WEST GEORGE	11	58	112	93.1%	YES
	ST VINCENT STREET	12	81	111	37.0%	YES
	ROYAL EXCHANGE	13	101	108	6.9%	YES
	ST ENOCH SQUARE	14	92	98	6.5%	YES
	GLASSFORD STREET	15	104	92	-11.5%	YES
Garnethill 1 Streets	RENFREW STREET	17	63	84	33%	NO
	HILL STREET	25	62	59	-5%	NO
	BUCCLEUCH STREET	32	44	45	2%	NO
	DALHOUSIE STREET	67	12	8	-33%	NO

The table below shows the number of public reported antisocial behaviour incidents reported to Police Scotland in the Garnethill area year to date (April – November) compared to the previous financial year. The Glasgow Beat average for incidents in 2017/18 is shown for comparison purposes. The dotted line shows the average of a Glasgow police beat.



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The table below shows the number of recorded crimes by Police Scotland in the Garnethill area year to date (April – November) compared to the previous financial year. The Glasgow Beat average for **recorded crime** in 2017/18 is shown for comparison purposes. **The dotted line shows the average of a Glasgow police beat.**



4. CCTV INSTALLATION

4.1 CCTV Site Visit

A site visit was carried out on the 18th December 2018. The purpose of the visit was to conduct a site survey and carry out an assessment to determine possible locations for additional hard wired Public Space CCTV cameras based on the crime profile and intelligence available. This provided information on:

- Primary locations (based on crime profile & public concerns)
- Privacy impact risks & concerns
- Camera line of sight (visibility)
- Connectivity- Power & Communications

Antisocial behaviour issues in the wider area have also been taken into consideration for possible camera locations.

Based on the site survey and intelligence provided, 4 Public Space CCTV cameras would be required to provide an effective solution for the area. This is at an estimated cost of £42K per camera totaling £168K approximately. There would also be a £3K annual revenue cost for each camera.



4.2 Area Analysis

The locations identified for the cameras present a number of issues that would need to be considered, these include:

- Topography of the area does not allow for radio based (No fibre) technology to be utilised
- Line of site for cameras (visibility) could be blocked by trees and foliage.
- Footpath widths are narrow, including some have a number of utilities in place which may not allow for a camera pole to be sited.
- Gardens / premises & perimeter wall foundations need to be considered
- Connectivity of power & communications (Fibre for cameras) will present significant challenges requiring significantly more engineering and civil work (roadworks) to be carried out.

Privacy Impact

CCTV cameras in urban areas present a number of privacy challenges that need to be considered and mitigated. These include:

- Direct line of site from cameras into residential and private properties that are not in the public domain
- Unintended collateral viewing of private spaces such as gardens & local businesses

There is a requirement to carry out a full Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to minimise the risk of intrusion as detailed above and to ensure that citizen's right for privacy are considered. The PIA would need to detail the risks and outline appropriate mitigation controls prior to any camera install.

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5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

Financial: The cost of PSCCTV cameras to be located within Garnethill would be approximately £168K. Annual revenue cost of £12K per annum. In addition there would be recurring revenue costs.

Legal: There would be a requirement to carry out a full Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)

Personnel: There are no direct personnel implications

Procurement: There are no direct procurement implications

Council Strategic Plan: World Class City; greater participation in our meetings and establishing a public petitions process

Equality Impacts:

EQIA carried out: No; not required as this is not a new strategy, policy or service

Outcome: Not applicable

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: No direct implications

Social: No direct implications

Economic: No direct implications

6. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.