



Glasgow City Council

**Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City
Policy Committee**

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods and Sustainability

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BRIEFING NOTE ON PETITION: GARNETHILL AND PSCCTV PROGRAMME

Purpose of Report:

To provide information on the 'Renewed Petition to have Garnethill included in Glasgow City Council's PSCCTV Programme.'

Recommendation:

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

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide the Wellbeing, Empowerment, Community and Citizen Engagement City Policy Committee of the relevant background information in relation to the 'Renewed Petition to have Garnethill included in Glasgow City Council's PSCCTV Programme.'

2. BACKGROUND

Community Engagement

- 2.1 Glasgow City Council staff (both the former CSG and now Neighbourhoods and Sustainability (NS) staff) have been working with Garnethill residents for a number of years. Staff have carried out a range of site visits to Garnethill with representatives from the Community Council about issues relating to general antisocial behaviour, street dinking, overflowing bins, graffiti and dog fouling.

2016 Activity

- 2.2 In November 2016, Garnethill Community Council requested a PSCCTV camera as the community had experienced a burned out car at the end of Buccleuch Lane (NE end of Garnethill).
- 2.3 Glasgow City Council staff 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.
- 2.4 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 be limited. Within Garnethill Park there is occasional drinking and disorder, Council staff and local residents couldn't identify a single location that would give suitable or extensive coverage.
- 2.5 In December 2016, the City Council 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.

2017 Activity

- 2.6 In January 2017, Council staff reported the findings of the three site visits to Garnethill Community Council and local elected members. Staff continued to attend regular resident meetings and respond to enquiries.

2018 Activity

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- 2.7 Early in 2018, Council staff assisted the Garnethill residents to establish a Neighbourhood Watch initiative and staff have attended four neighborhood watch meetings to date.
- 2.8 In October 2018, Council staff received a request from Garnethill Neighbourhood Watch for a CCTV mobile camera van within Renfrew Street as there had been assaults. Council 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.
- 2.9 In November 2018, Police Scotland contacted Council 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. The City Council provided two vans to the police which were resourced on 28th, 29th and 30th November from 1700-2200 hours.

Activity Update since 2018

- 2.10 Since 2018, Council staff continue to proactively work with Garnethill Community Council and have attended 17 meetings to date. In addition, staff have engaged on average 14 times per month with a member of the Community Council, responding to service request, queries, complaints for a number of issues including dog fouling, street gritting, pigeon issues, rats infested areas, bulk uplift, graffiti, and many other NS and GCC wide services.
- 2.11 Council staff and Police Scotland engage on a weekly basis to discuss city centre issues, which includes Garnethill, and will agree appropriate actions based on the resources available. Any additional Police resources required would be discussed and agreed at the Multi-Agency Tasking and Coordinating (MATAC) meeting, held on a four weekly basis.

3. ANALYTICAL ANALYSIS

ASB Overview

- 3.1 Across Glasgow, community safety partners meet as part of a 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.
- 3.2 During April to November 2020 there were a total of 196 ASB incidents in the Garnethill area. This is a rise of 32 reports compared to the same period in 2019. The peak months for incidents during 2020 were April (30 reports) and August (29 reports) and both show increases on the previous year. Recently

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there has been a reduction in activity in the area with 18 reports in November 2020, which is six reports lower than the previous month (October 2020) and 11 reports lower than the same period last year (November 2019). Despite this decrease, year to date (April – November 2020) all incident types are up with the exception of reports of violence and vandalism. General ASB has increased with 111 reports year to date in comparison to 88 during 2019. Alcohol/Drug related incidents and reports of neighbour disputes and noise have increased by ten reports and 14 reports respectively for the period. During April – November 2019 there were 17 reports of Violence and 17 reports of vandalism, both of these categories have reduced in 2020 with 14 reports relating to vandalism and five reports of violence.



4. CCTV INSTALLATION

CCTV Site Visit

- 4.1 A site visit was carried out on the 18 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
- 4.2 Antisocial behaviour issues in the wider area have also been taken into consideration for possible camera locations.

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- 4.3 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.



Area Analysis

- 4.4 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

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

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- 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 and local businesses.

4.6 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.

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 and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22 Not applicable.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? Not applicable.

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address Not applicable.

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*socio economic
disadvantage.*

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: No direct implications

*Social (including
Article 20
opportunities):* No direct implications

**Privacy and Data
Protection impacts:** 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.

6. RECOMMENDATION:

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

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