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Dear Ms Giggal

Report regarding West Cornwall CCTV

Thank you for inviting us to attend your recent informal council meeting to discuss CCTV. Further to that meeting, please find attached a report detailing the background to, and current position of, the West Cornwall CCTV system.

This report has been written, as requested, for you to take to your next full council meeting to discuss the issues with all of your members present.

The report contains recommendations regarding the upgrade of the system and several options regarding how this might be financed. I would like to propose that I meet with yourself and the other Town Clerks within the next fortnight for an informal conversation to look at the options in more detail and how this may be progressed. I will be calling you this week to arrange that meeting.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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1. **CCTV REPORT**

2. **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Penwith and Kerrier District Councils jointly operate the West Cornwall CCTV System (hereafter WCCCTVS) which consists of 47 cameras covering the six principal towns in West Cornwall. The cost of the WCCCTVS is shared jointly between the two councils.
- 2.2 The WCCCTVS went live in March 1999. The design life of the system is 15 years, although it was always recognised that items such as cameras, monitors and video recorders would require replacement earlier than that, every 5 years is the recommendation.
- 2.3 As technology advances, so the existing equipment will become obsolete. It is already extremely difficult, and therefore expensive, to get replacement parts for some of the system. Currently there is no provision for the ultimate replacement of part, or all of the system.

This report aims to identify the need for, and worth of, continuing to operate the CCTV system. It provides options for consideration which range from removing the whole system to upgrading it. It seeks to secure support from the town councils for the upgrade of the system, and looks at how to meet the cost of such an upgrade should this be the preferred option.

3 **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The WCCCTVS went live on 5 March 1999 with 47 cameras providing coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year across the 6 principal towns in West Cornwall, the 3 within Penwith being Penzance with 13 cameras, St Ives with 8 cameras and Hayle with 4 cameras.

3.2

Funding Breakdown

Funding Source	£000's
External Grants	465.5
District Councils x 2	207.5
Town Councils x 6	43.0
Chambers of Commerce x 6	32.7
Devon and Cornwall Constabulary	2.8
Total	751.5

The current costs are variable but approximate £396,000 per annum (£198,000 each from Penwith and Kerrier) to include contract costs, overheads, and £20,000 towards remedial maintenance.

