

CCTV Monitoring

The provision, maintenance and monitoring of CCTV across the county has historically been the responsibility of District Councils. Given the pressing current and predicted public finance position some Leaders and Chief Executives of District Councils have signalled their intention to reduce the level of CCTV monitoring and in particular in reducing the amount of time cameras are 'live' monitored.

Any change in CCTV monitoring raises the potential of adversely affecting public confidence through the single confidence measure in police and local councils tackling the crime and ASB that matter.

Whilst recognising the role and responsibility of District Councils in the monitoring of CCTV Kent Police are conducting a review of CCTV monitoring across the force and whether opportunities exist to maintain service provision delivered more effectively.

This issue has been raised at the most recent Leader and Chief Executives meeting at which Kent Police were present and in a subsequent letter from Kent Police to all Leaders and Chief Executives.

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