

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT & LEISURE
CABINET MEMBER**

EPWORTH CCTV NETWORK

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve proposals for providing a town centre CCTV scheme in Epworth.
- 1.2 The key points in this report are:
- An explanation of the wireless solution that is proposed.
 - To outline proposals for locating a number of CCTV cameras.
 - To set out details of the costs involved in providing the suggested CCTV scheme.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The council currently operates two town centre CCTV schemes. These serve Scunthorpe, Ashby and Brigg. There are also a number of CCTV cameras monitoring specific locations. An example is at the Civic Centre complex. In total, there are more than one hundred cameras involved in these various schemes. They are monitored at the council's Security Control Centre.
- 2.2 A number of recent incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in Epworth have highlighted a need for a town centre CCTV scheme. These included some break-ins on local businesses. A campaign by the local press under the banner heading "Protect Our Town" has called for additional security measures in Epworth Town Centre, inviting local residents and traders to sign up in support of the campaign. The local MP was quoted as welcoming the campaign and together with local ward members has taken a leading role in working with relevant bodies (Humberside Police, Safer Neighbourhoods etc) to respond positively to the concerns expressed by residents and traders in these regards.
- 2.3 Until recently, monitored CCTV camera surveillance in Epworth was not considered as economically viable. This was due to the distance between Epworth and the Security Control Centre and the resultant CCTV infrastructure costs involved. Recent improvements in wireless technology and the continued expansion of our wireless network, now makes this scheme both possible and affordable.

- 2.4 We have 'line of sight' from our aerials on the roof of Sutton House in Scunthorpe to Epworth. Unfortunately tree cover around St Andrews Church, Epworth prevents a direct link to the Town. Therefore our way into Epworth for image transmission purposes is via the Epworth water tower to St Andrews Church (see appendix 1). From the roof of St Andrews Church bell tower we have an effective 'line of sight' into Epworth Market Square (see appendix 2).
- 2.5 The wireless network can radiate out from the Market Square using discrete digital dome cameras. The proposal is to provide three such cameras. Two of these will be fitted to existing street lighting columns, with the third requiring its own column and power supply (see appendix 3).
- 2.6 Negotiations are underway with Yorkshire Water and St Andrews Church Parochial Church Council for permission to fit aerials to their facilities to enable the installation proposed. We will need to agree lease and wayleave arrangements prior to installation work going forward. This will result in ongoing payments from the council to the third party organisations involved.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 There is only one option presented for consideration in this paper. That is for a CCTV scheme in Epworth based upon three digital dome cameras as described above.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 The option presented is affordable and considered as appropriate to meet the requirements for a monitored CCTV installation to serve the centre of the market town of Epworth. It provides a positive and tangible response to concerns raised by local residents and traders in Epworth in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial

The estimated cost of providing the proposed CCTV network is around £45,000, subject to competitive tender. Once operational annual revenue costs of around £5,500 will accrue to cover maintenance and third party charges (see above). Cabinet has recently approved the funding needed for the works involved in providing the scheme. However, no funding exists currently in budgets to meet the future operating costs. This will need addressing via the usual budget processes of the council.

- 5.2 There are no other resource implications to consider.

6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 Not applicable.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED**

7.1 Consultation with Safer Neighbourhoods has identified the main priority areas with respect to crime and anti social behaviour. This was used to determine the proposed optimum camera locations.

7.2 A group of interested parties including local residents, traders, Humberside Police, Safer Neighbourhoods etc chaired by the local MP with the support of local ward members has met to consider issues relating to incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in Epworth. They support the provision of a town centre CCTV scheme to serve Epworth along the lines suggested in this paper.

7.3 There are no known conflicts of interest requiring consideration.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

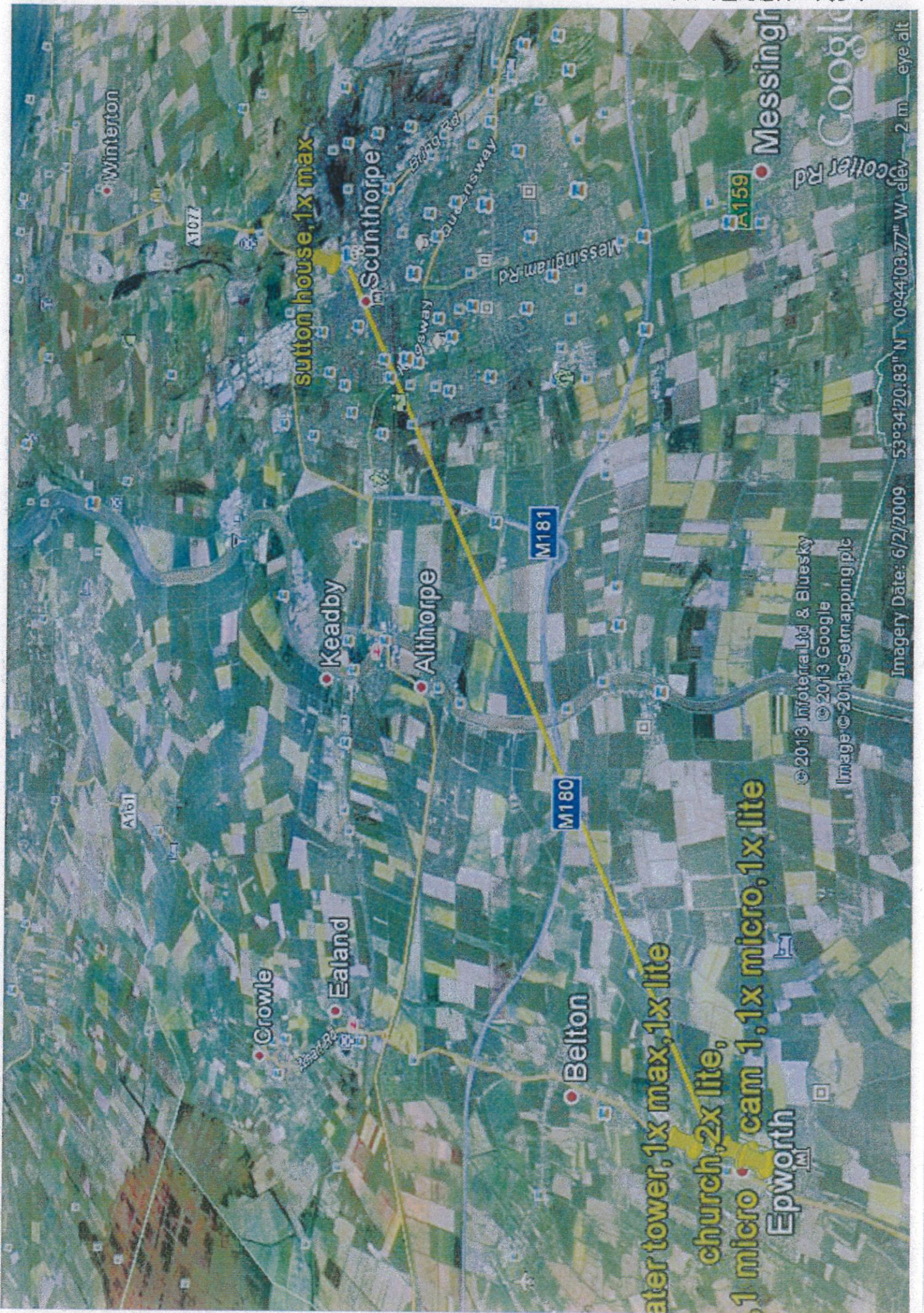
8.1 That the Cabinet Member approves progress of the Epworth CCTV scheme, based upon three digital dome cameras.

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None





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Vinegarth

Church St

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EPWORTH – PROPOSED CCTV CAMERA LOCATIONS AND APPROXIMATE COVERAGE – REVISED MAP

