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Summary

Members will recall that in September 2016 a paper was submitted to Police Committee explaining that the decision had been made not to proceed with the installation of 24 additional CCTV cameras into the Barbican Residential Estate.

At the January 2017 Committee the Commissioner reported on a number of factors which may impact upon the future security provision on the Barbican Estate. Given that all of these projects were still to complete at the time of that report, the Commissioner undertook to report back to your Committee in May 2018.

All the dependent works including a City of London Corporation security review, major building developments on London Wall and Crossrail are still yet to be completed.

The Crossrail ticket hall is due to open in December 2018, later than the initial anticipated opening date. The City of London Corporation has advised that no further pedestrian modelling has been completed since the initial fact finding by Transport for London (TfL). Therefore it still remains at this stage unclear whether or not the Crossrail Station in Moorgate will change the requirement for additional CCTV in the residential area of the Barbican.

Last year the Ring of Steel Programme was formally closed down and replaced by Secure City. This new joint programme with the City of London Corporation is about creating a secure environment, using the most up to date technology now and in the future, to make the City an attractive place to visit and locate business. Secure City gives us the opportunity to look at our entire CCTV estate and ensure coverage is adequate and necessary.

At the time this report was promised in 2017, it had been expected that all the projects and works that impacted upon access and egress onto the Barbican Estate would have been completed. This has proved not to be the case.

Recommendation(s)

For members to note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. At the September 2016 Police Committee the Commissioner presented a report which outlined the reasons why a decision had been made not to go ahead with the Barbican CCTV project. This was noted by Members.
2. At the January 2017 Committee the Commissioner reported on a number of factors which may impact upon the future security provision on the Barbican Estate. These were:
 - A City of London Corporation wide review of its security, this included the Barbican Centre
 - Crossrail
 - Major Building developments on London Wall
 - The upgrade of the Ring of Steel Programme and CCTV coverage across the City (now the Secure City Programme)
3. Given that all of these projects were still to complete at the time of that report, the Commissioner undertook to report back to your Committee in 2018 on the latest position. The latest position is shown below.

Current Position

4. The review and upgrading of security, including cameras, across the Corporation Estate, including the Barbican Centre, is progressing but has not yet been completed.
5. The building works on London Wall have almost completed, but full assessment on pedestrian flow will not be known until Crossrail is complete.
6. The Crossrail ticket hall is due to open in December 2018, later than the initial anticipated opening date. The City of London Corporation has advised that no further pedestrian modelling has been completed since the initial fact finding by Transport for London (TfL). Therefore it still remains at this stage unclear whether or not the Crossrail Station in Moorgate will change the requirement for additional CCTV in the residential area of the Barbican.

Secure City Programme

7. Last year the Ring of Steel Programme was formally closed down and replaced by Secure City. This new joint programme with the City of London Corporation is about creating a secure environment, using the most up to date technology now and in the future, to make the City an attractive place to visit and locate business. The programme consists of a number of strands:
 - Physical Infrastructure
 - Future Technologies

- CCTV and Hardware
 - IMS/DRS (digital upgrade of CCTV back office system)
 - Joint Command and Control Room
8. Within the CCTV and Hardware strand there are several areas within scope. One particular area is the review of CCTV camera locations within the City of London. The overall aim of the project is to consider the upgrade of existing cameras to encompass more modern technology such as 4K image definition, multi focal sensor arrays, thermal imaging and facial recognition, as some examples. However in doing so it will be an opportunity to reassess where the key locations are in the City of London that require CCTV coverage. This will be a case of identifying that pressing need and be based on a number of circumstances, not least threat and risk of CT and crime, but also practical purposes such as traffic and crowd management.
9. Secure City gives us the opportunity to look at our entire CCTV estate and ensure coverage is adequate and necessary. In addition, part of the project will consider the integration with third party camera systems, of which there are many in the City of London area. This means that where there may be a perceived gap in coverage from a police operated camera, there is often coverage on private systems that operate in the area. For areas that do not justify permanent police cameras, there is the potential of being able to access private systems in times of emergency through digital integration. This could apply to the London Wall development and will be a focus of the Secure City CCTV and Hardware Project.
10. At the time this report was promised, it had been expected that all the projects and works that impacted upon access and egress onto the Barbican Estate would have been completed. This has proved not to be the case. The City of London Police in partnership with the City of London Corporation will conduct a full assessment of the Estate to gauge pedestrian flows and security, once the dependant works have been completed.

Recommendation

11. It is recommended that Members note the contents of this report.

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