

PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE

6 FEBRUARY 2018

Present: County Councillor Jackie Parry(Chairperson)
County Councillors Goddard, Hudson, Jacobsen, Lancaster,
Mackie, Robson and Williams

17 : APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Murphy, Taylor and Wood

18 : DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

19 : MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 November and 5 December 2017 and 9 January 2018 were approved by the Committee as a correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.

20 : APPROVAL OF MTC 33 DUAL CAMERA CCTV SYSTEM IN HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES LICENSED BY CARDIFF COUNCIL

Members were advised that an application was received from Alan Jones of Matrix Telematics for approval to install the MTC33 Dual Camera CCTV system in Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles in Cardiff. The Committee received a report and Members were asked to determine the application.

The Committee was asked to note that the authority has approved a number of CCTV systems for use in vehicles in Cardiff. At its meeting on 7 July 2009 Members resolved to grant delegated authority to the Chief Strategy Planning and Environment Officer and the Operational Manager (Licensing and Public Protection) to approve CCTV systems. However, these positions no longer exist within the authority and therefore Members were asked to further consider granting delegated authority to the Head of Shared Regulatory Service and the Operational Manager Neighbourhood Services to approve CCTV systems for use in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles in the future.

The Committee received a presentation from Alan Jones of Matrix Telematics and Colin Brody of Contact Radio, the approved suppliers for the system in South Wales. Members were provided with an overview of the CCTV system, its technical specifications and its compliance with Data Protection legislation. Members were also shown video footage from vehicles involved in road traffic incidents which had the CCTV system installed.

The Committee discussed the merits of the application and sought clarification on a number of points including the control of and access rights to video footage and the merits of the mandatory use of CCTV in all hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

RESOLVED – That:

- (1) The MTC 33 Dual Camera CCTV system be approved for installation in hackney carriages and private hire vehicles in Cardiff;
- (2) The Head of Shared Regulatory Service and the Operational Manager Neighbourhood Services be granted delegated authority to determine applications for CCTV systems for use in hackney carriage and private hire vehicles in the future.

The meeting terminated at 11.00am

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