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I am writing to bring you up to date with the implementation of the PCC's CCTV Strategy. The Expression of Interest exercise resulted in a significant volume of responses and these have taken some time to process, particularly the scoping of potential demand across Devon and Cornwall.

The OPCC is currently working with a number of potential monitoring hubs, including existing control rooms which are seeking to add additional capacity or to upgrade. We expect to have identified those which the PCC intends to support with funding contributions before the end of September.

The EOI submitted on behalf of your authority identified one or more of the following options as potential areas for development:

- Connection into an external monitoring hub
- Live monitoring of your town cameras cameras on a contract basis which would provide a specific number of hours per week of monitoring (the Tolvaddon model)
- Installation of new cameras and system upgrades

The next phase of the CCTV project requires the submission by authorities of specific proposals or options which have been costed. The OPCC is happy to provide guidance on developing and presenting proposals to those authorities which would find this useful. In Cornwall, Cornwall Fire and Rescue and SSE will carry out a costing exercise for camera and infrastructure upgrades, connection into Tolvaddon and a monitoring package. In Devon the OPCC is working with potential hubs to offer the same service to authorities. Please contact me at the email or phone number below if you would like to discuss the costing and drafting of your proposal and whether it meets the Investment Principles outlined below.

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Yours sincerely

Investment Principles

1. Capital funding is only available for local areas where the community, council and police have a clear and strong business case – low quality and/or unsustainable systems will not be supported
 2. No PCC funding will be provided for ongoing revenue costs.
 3. The PCC will not meet 100% of capital investment costs – the PCC will be looking to local authorities to contribute capital funds and for businesses to be involved in a partnership approach.
 4. The PCC's investment in CCTV will be focused on the establishment and/or further development of 'hub' based monitoring systems – to make local systems more sustainable and to better exploit the opportunities provided by technological advancements. The PCC's capital investment will be focused on costs associated with:
 - a. Infrastructure required to develop a 'hub'
 - b. Connecting a local area into an operative 'hub'.
 4. A 'hub' based system will normally involve more than one local authority – with either multiple local authorities joining together to develop a 'hub' or a single local authority providing 'hub' services to other local authorities.
 5. The PCC's role is to provide some support to a local authority if it is seeking to invest in CCTV – the PCC will not seek to influence an area's decision about whether it wants to install CCTV.
 6. The PCC investment will be in the form of a grant of funds – and will be accompanied by clear grant conditions as developed (which will include data collection, reporting, access arrangements for other local authorities and sustainability commitments). The PCC will not own CCTV infrastructure.
 7. The PCC will make investment decisions through a clear process – advised by a CCTV Investment Advisory Board. All local authorities will be given a further opportunity to express an interest in becoming a 'hub' and/or taking services from a hub. Connection into a monitoring hub will involve ongoing revenue costs that the local authority will need to meet locally.
- Recording of images (24/7) with a switch on option based on operational advice and triaging. This option would only be available where the monitoring hub was live on a 24/7 basis
 - Installing or upgrading cameras and infrastructure, with or without a connection into a hub.

The OPCC is working with existing monitoring control rooms to develop monitoring, and recording only, options for several authorities in Devon and Cornwall to enable indicative costings to be given, dependent upon the nature of the service.

The next stage is for individual authorities to approach the OPCC with a specific costed proposal or options. In Cornwall, Cornwall Fire are willing to work with authorities to develop a costed proposal. In Devon, the OPCC can provide technical support directly or in conjunction with one of the existing monitoring hubs. It will also be possible to provide an indicative costing by scaling up or down the quotes which will shortly be provided to several individual authorities as outlined above.

If you would like to discuss this process in more detail I would be happy to call, or to arrange a visit if this would be helpful. Please email or contact me on the number below.

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As one of those authorities which have expressed an interest in providing a monitoring service to others, on a contract basis, I would like to outline the next phase of the CCTV project as it affects you.