

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2007**

**UPGRADE OF KILMARNOCK & CUMNOCK TOWN CENTRE  
PUBLIC SPACE CCTV SYSTEMS**

**Report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval to negotiate and extend the contract with Fortress Security Alarms Ltd. for the upgrade of Kilmarnock and Cumnock Town Centre Public Space CCTV Systems.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 It is intended to upgrade the existing Kilmarnock and Cumnock Town Centre Public Space CCTV systems. Budgetary provision for 2006/2007 amounts to £50,000 in respect of the proposed upgrade.
- 2.2 The existing systems are maintained by Fortress Security Alarms Ltd.

**3. EXTENSION TO CCTV SYSTEMS**

- 3.1 The implications of awarding the proposed upgrade of the CCTV system to any contractor, other than the term maintenance contractor Fortress Security Alarms Ltd, is that the new works would invalidate the maintenance agreement on the existing apparatus. This could adversely affect the performance of this essential service.
- 3.2 It is proposed therefore that a contract be negotiated directly with Fortress Security Alarms Ltd for the upgrading of these CCTV systems, the extent of the contract being up to the value of the available budget.

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 A sum of £50,000 has already been approved for this purpose.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report is presented in terms of paragraph 9(2) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts (negotiated tenders).

**6. COMMUNITY PLAN / POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The CCTV system is an essential element in the security and well being of our communities and is linked to the Community Plan theme 'Improving Community Safety'.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) approve the negotiation of a contract with Fortress Security Alarms Ltd. for the upgrade of Kilmarnock and Cumnock Town Centre Public Space CCTV Systems under the terms of paragraph 9(2) of the Council's Standing Orders Relating to Contracts (negotiated tenders).

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### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

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