

**The Chairperson and Members
Dublin South Central JPC**

CCTV Grand Canal.

Dublin City Council has 15 cameras along the Grand Canal. In May 2016 there was an initial two-year contract put in place for maintenance in conjunction with and under the control of South Dublin County Council. The cost of this was €3,200 per annum excl. Vat. The contract was then extended for a further 6 months for €1,920 plus Vat and €895 plus Vat for spare parts.

The cameras are monitored from the facilities office in the Grange Castle Industrial Estate by Manguard Ltd. who are contracted by South Dublin County Council to do so. The manager of the facility has confirmed that the cameras are under 24-hour surveillance. The site office is in constant contact with the Gardaí regarding any incidents that may occur. There is also an ability to speak out of the speakers on the cameras to inform anyone participating in anti-social behaviour that the Gardaí have been notified and are on the way. The manager has also given a commitment to supply a report on the activity of the cameras within the DCC area bi-weekly at a minimum,

The cameras at Labre Park were vandalised shortly after the beginning of the contract, where the pole supporting was knocked down. The pole was reinstated at a cost of €5,229 + Vat at the end of 2016. However because the cameras had been lying idle for so long they became unfit for purpose and it necessitated a replacement. When the cameras were repowered the condensation was so excessive that the cameras returned a fault and are now not in operation. The cost of this in 2016 was approximately a further €6,000 plus Vat. Given the risk of further vandalism it was decided the risk out-weighed the cost. There was also a hardware upgrade of the cameras, at a cost of €5817.39 plus Vat in late 2016.

Recommendations:

1: Continuing the contract with South Dublin County Council for a further 2 years at a cost of €3,840 per annum.

2: Given the pole at Labre Park has not been damaged since it's reinstatement, the risk of it being knocked down again has lowered. Restoring the cameras to a working condition would have value, given the development plans for Labre Park. South Dublin County Council are to come back with an up to date cost for this.



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