

Dynapel enters “public surveillance” in eastern London councils

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Hackney Homes a London local authority management organisation for housing stock, are finalising the installation of DynaPel’s Closeview tracking system to deter crime, improve the safety of residents and deliver a more streamlined approach to police investigations following any incident that may have occurred.

Hackney Homes have now upgraded their estate CCTV capacity by addition of a series of fixed cameras working in tandem with their existing pan tilt and zoom cameras these provide the platform for DynaPel’s Closeview tracking system which then automatically follows subjects by driving the PTZs to be found across the estates.

Although manned concierges provide the watchful eyes for the CCTV systems Hackney Homes Managers realised that the larger the system being monitored the greater the likelihood of incidents being missed by the human operator.

Closeview ensures that movement around sensitive areas is not only recorded but with DynaPel’s advanced algorithms the PTZ camera is able to automatically deliver the views required to provide identification for post incident analysis.

Each DynaPel unit ensures that the PTZ camera even when unselected by the operator, is fully operational and captures movement in the selected zone driving the camera to a suitable position to enable persons to be identifiable.

When presented with a demonstration of Closeview Hackney Homes managers swiftly recognised the value of the technology so with DynaPel and the DSSL Group as their technological partners they have taken the decision

that the combined deterrent and detection value of these systems will deliver further crime reductions and streamline investigations.

Hackney Homes Group Manager Mike Emmett indicates that the twenty Closeview systems currently installed bring added value to the CCTV systems and deliver a partnership approach between the authority and industry to the delivery of estate safety. The need to ensure that residents get value for money from the installed systems is uppermost in the minds of this local authority.

Mike was attracted by the fact that Closeview watches and records the wide-angle video, becoming an electronic operator and then when there is detected motion in the field of view, it automatically directs his PTZ cameras to zoom in and both look at **and track** the “activity”.

In addition the CloseView appliance deploys an alarm output to trigger recording, so faces and car licence plates are clearly, sharply recorded on the estates many DVRs for later review and action.

The delivery of services to the public in this type of partnership brings together end users and innovators in a joined up approach to public safety.

