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*Good afternoon*

*Scottish Borders Council is currently progressing proposals for the replacement of the CCTV system in 7 towns across the region.*

*To ensure we scope the right model a whole body of research and historical engagement on the system is being referenced in the development of the proposals. The project is critical due to the advancements in technology and the digital development by BT Openreach to move all landlines from analogue to digital, which makes the replacement of the current system a priority for the Council.*

*Systems in Duns, Eyemouth, Galashiels, Hawick, Kelso, Melrose and Peebles are in scope, and being considered amongst the community led systems that exist in Selkirk and Newcastlelton.*

*A working group of officers and Police Scotland colleagues have been working on this since September 2023, and the crux of that work has been on considering the best value offering to replace the current system whilst meeting modern crime prevention needs. Best value is being considered in terms of use of public money, but also the future proofing of the system and considering a whole range of different technologies and how that can integrate with opportunities we have to leverage growth deal funding into expanding the connectivity and digital infrastructure across the region.*

*This is a "phase 1" in a programme for digital technology in the Borders which will be influenced by all the community led planning that is currently underway across the region.*

*Further public engagement will be sought with yourselves and the wider community once we have a defined proposal that can clearly articulate the intended use, and reassure communities around privacy as well as the benefits.*

*Thanks  
Jen*

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