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### Blaenau Gwent Regeneration

**Project:**

**Design, upgrade and install**

**Client:**

**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**

**Overview:**

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council secured funding for £25.2m for a major regeneration project covering the towns of Ebbw Vale and Abertillery, in order to improve business development, increase tourist visits and raise resident satisfaction.

The project needs to ensure an increase in business investors and new employers moving to the area, and naturally public safety and security create a strong impression to potential companies and the public at large.

To this end, the council put out a tender looking for a knowledgeable, reliable and best-value security company to aid in system upgrade design, supply of components and installation.

**Project description:**

The council's scheme to boost the local economy, safeguard jobs and create employment opportunities in the retail and business sectors included a major overhaul to the area's public access security network. The obvious purpose – to make the area safer and therefore more inviting to inward investment – was backed up with a secondary goal which was also key to the council's plans: improving the visual appearance of the security systems.

To this end, CDS was commissioned (following victory in a stringent tender process) to upgrade, source and install such features as aesthetically-pleasing CCTV cameras and attractive stainless steel CCTV support columns.

CDS integrated new elements into the existing system and undertook control room upgrades, with a view to future-proofing the system ready for IP CCTV cameras going forward.