

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

CCTV

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Background and Updates

Macclesfield Town Council supports CEC CCTV financially with funding of £33,000 annually. We do have one mobile camera that has proven difficult to move, however I am assured by CCTV that this is no longer the case and the process has been smoothed out.

At Full Council 6th March 2023, it was also asked if statistics can be collected on the safety of women. The response received is that while they do not collect these stats that they have a procedure especially for nighttime economy which is drilled into the team as a vital part of the monitoring where they do carefully monitor women's safety.

Also, CCTV will be meeting with the Assistant Town Clerk and Community Enforcement Officer to discuss how they can work together.

We have also been informed that the mobile cameras can be upgraded, as they take a lot of our time in rebooting all the time and they will not be supported beyond Jan 24.

Should the town council wish to upgrade to the newer cameras, a negotiated a rate of £2,800 per camera (the original ones were £5,500, now £8k) is what we would pay. I have been advised that the new camera would last longer as you it is not a sealed unit and they can be repaired or replaced for little cost.

There is currently £8000 in EMR for CCTV.

The CCTV report is on the next page and the CCTV Manager added this narrative:

We have had a huge number of successful jobs in Macclesfield over the quarter from a serious assault with offender going to ground that CCTV located and during the following car chase, got evidence of driving offences and guided police to a person with a large knife pointing it at a person he had earlier had an altercation with. They were outside of public view (underpass) so could have been nasty looking at the aggression. CCTV guided Police in, offender ran and also dumped the knife, CCTV were able to guide Police to the offender who was arrested and then to the knife which was seized.

Proposals

To maintain the current camera and until Jan 24 when it will no longer be supported and then consider buying a new camera.

