

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

CCTV

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Town Clerk

Background and Updates

At the Full Council meeting 12th June 2023 the following was resolved:

To purchase more cameras with the EMR. Clerk to come back to next Full Council after speaking to CCTV to see how many cameras they can monitor effectively and whether they can be fixed as well as mobile.

The Clerk has sought further information as follows:

The maximum number of cameras that can be purchased is 5 which would be £14000 approximately. Currently there is £7000 in EMR.

They can be used in a fixed, but they are not ideal as fixed cameras as they are designed to be a short term problem fixer. However, CCTV have suggested that they have a 'home' position where the camera lives and when needed, it can then move it to the next location and returned it after its done what it needs. It was advised there are limitations with this as mobile cameras don't work on direct feed connection, they work on a 4G cellular connection so connection back is not as stable, is not as controllable and at times, the image can be problematic if at times of very high cellular usage in the area.

They are excellent for a short term issue but should not be used as a replacement for permanent cameras or to extend permanent coverage as those cameras should meet the specifics for public space surveillance.

However, where they are installed, the feedback is that issues and crimes drops in the areas.

Proposal

- The proposal is to buy 2 cameras, which will be covered by the Ear Marked Reserves to see if the process has improved. Further cameras can be bought if it goes well.
- To decide on the 'home positions for the cameras.