

Overview of Responses and Recommendations

Budget Proposals 16/17: CCTV		Andy Day - Head of Strategic Support	19 January 2016 Version 2 (Exec)
Proposal:	To cease funding CCTV.		
Total budget 15/16:	£224,930	Recommended officer saving 16/17:	£224,930 (100%)
Initial proposed saving 16/17:	£224,930 (100%)	Final recommendation to Executive 16/17:	To proceed with this savings proposal, without any modifications.
Nos of responses:	There were 25 responses received to this proposal.		
Key issues raised:	<p>The main issues raised by those that responded were that this proposal would mean a lack of reassurance for those individuals that had a nervous disposition, particularly the elderly, disabled and mothers with young children. Comments were also received in relation to the service helping to manage the night time economy.</p> <p>Newbury Town Council is actively pursuing an alternative delivery model with Newbury Bid and Thames Valley Police (TVP). Thatcham Town Council is considering partnering with Newbury. Hungerford Town Council is still considering its options. Lambourn, Theale and Pangbourne Parish Councils have confirmed that they will not be pursuing alternative delivery models.</p>		
Equality issues:	None were drawn out from the responses.		
Suggestions for reducing the impact on service users:	Suggestion currently provided to support the CCTV service.	Council response	
	Some of those responding suggested that moving to a 'record only' system could help to save £147,000 in monitoring fees.	The Council has looked at various options in relation to how the CCTV service could be managed going forwards. As a non statutory service the Council feels that if the appropriate Parish and Town Councils and other partners' value this service then they should be asked to develop their own bespoke models appropriate for their areas for this service whether this be a live or passive system.	
	Others responding considered that the Shopsafe and Pubwatch Schemes in Newbury Town Centre could help to mitigate the impact of this proposal. There	Both Pubwatch and West Berkshire Business Watch have been alerted to this proposal and it will be for them to decide how their members, working together, can mitigate the proposal. In relation to Neighbourhood Watch, TVP still have resources to provide advice and guidance as to how to establish such a scheme so the areas impacted by this proposal could approach TVP if they feel this would add value to their local area.	

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	were mixed feeling about whether Neighbourhood Watch Schemes could help to mitigate the impact.	Thatcham Town Council is considering reinvigorating the Shopsafe Scheme operating in the town.	
	Two of those responding suggested that the Council should deploy 'dummy cameras'.	It is not good practice to install dummy cameras in public open space schemes as it gives a false impression to members of the public that there is CCTV surveillance in an area.	
Alternative options for applying the saving in this area:	Suggestion	Council response	
	One of those individuals that responded suggested that TVP should be asked to pay for the service given that they are the main beneficiaries of the service.	The Council is aware that TVP have a small sum of annual funding and one off capital investment available which could be used to support part of a scheme. TVP are actively liaising with Newbury Town Council because they feel that if any area should be covered by a CCTV system it should be Newbury.	
Suggestions for how others may help contribute:	Discussions have been held with Newbury Town Council, West Berkshire Business Watch and Newbury Business Improvement District (BID) with a view to agreeing a CCTV scheme which would be supported and funded by them and TVP. Thatcham Town Council is considering its options which might include partnering with Newbury Town Council. Hungerford Town Council is also reviewing its options which might include operating their own bespoke model.		
Officer conclusion as a result of the responses:	There is nothing that has been raised as part of the consultation exercise which would prevent the Council from proceeding with this proposal. Discussions with Newbury Town Council, West Berkshire Business Watch Newbury BID and TVP are still ongoing and its is hoped that a proposal will come forward which will see a scaled down CCTV service which is both proportionate and affordable, be funded by Newbury Town Council, Newbury BID and TVP and managed by Newbury Town Council. This proposal may also enable Thatcham Town Council to continue with CCTV coverage.		
Officer recommendation as a result of responses:	Feedback has not uncovered any further issues which would prevent the council from proceeding with this proposal. It's therefore recommended to implement this proposal with no changes.		

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