Cabinet Response to the Overview and Scrutiny CCTV Short Sharp Review

Introduction

At the Cabinet meeting on 31st October, 2018 consideration was given to the report of the CCTV Short Sharp Review. The Leader welcomed Councillor C. Colella, as Chairman of the Short Sharp Review, to the meeting and thanked him for being present to provide clarification on any matters raised by Cabinet Members. Councillor Colella outlined the work which had been undertaken by the Short Sharp Review and thanked Members and officers for their contributions. He further expressed his gratitude to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Community Safety Team for making funds available to progress the improvements.

The Cabinet then discussed and considered each of the recommendations of the Task Group in detail.

Response to recommendations

Please find below responses to the recommendations contained within the scrutiny report:

Recommendation 1

That the Council's £40k capital funding be used to match-fund a bid to the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for CCTV funding in order to replace the current CCTV transmission infrastructure to a digital network and to purchase and resource the introduction of redeployable cameras.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

Officer Update

Following the recommendation above a bid has been submitted to the PCC and Officers are currently awaiting formal acceptance of the plan.

Next step, once approved the project will begin by appointing a technical expert to assist in writing a procurement specification.

Recommendation 2

The current camera locations be reviewed in accordance with the Surveillance Camera Commissioners guidance and using data from the Community Safety Partnership, to ensure that they still meet their purpose with cameras to be removed as appropriate; and

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

Officer Update

Cameras to be reviewed have been identified and appropriate methodology to review each location is being devised. The review should be completed over the next 2-3 months.

Recommendation 3

That Officers' have a rolling programme target to replace the existing cameras over a 3 year period, by replacing approximately 20 cameras per year, subject to a capital bid.

Cabinet Response

This recommendation was approved.

Officer Update

A capital bid has been submitted for the next 3 financial years and is awaiting confirmation of agreement .

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The Leader and the Portfolio Holder thanked the Short Sharp Review Chairman and Members for their work in producing a very useful report.

Councillor P. Whittaker – Portfolio Holder for Community Services.