
SECURITY ISSUES – CLEMENTS HALL LEISURE CENTRE

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report informs Members of the concerns of Essex Police surrounding security issues at Clements Hall Leisure Centre.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Contracts Sub Committee on 5 July 2001, a letter received from the Crime Reduction Officer at Rayleigh Police Station was discussed. [The letter](#), which is appended for information, concerns security issues at Clements Hall. The Contracts Sub Committee was of the opinion that this sub committee was the proper forum to discuss these issues and requested that the matter be referred.

3 SECURITY ISSUES

- 3.1 The letter was discussed with Leisure Connection who responded that they are very concerned about any theft from the building. However, compared to the number of visitors to the centre each year, the level of theft is not thought to be extreme.
- 3.2 The main concern of the staff at Clements Hall is currently the level of youth nuisance and resulting vandalism. In the management reports submitted to the Leisure Sub Committee, Leisure Connection has regularly reported instances of vandalism over the last year.
- 3.3 The leisure contractor is responsible for the security of the building and its contents. This arrangement will continue under the new contract.

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Instances of crime and youth nuisance can cause people to feel intimidated and may result in them no longer visiting the leisure centre.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Currently there is a resource implication when rectifying any damage caused by vandalism. Over the last year it is estimated that the Council has spent approximately £350 on repairs caused as a result of vandalism. This does not take into consideration those items for which Leisure Connection has responsibility.
- 5.2 No research has yet been carried out as to how many CCTV cameras would be needed to cover areas against theft and vandalism. At

present an approximate cost of installing CCTV is around £2,000 per camera. There would also be a resource issue for the contractor in monitoring the equipment.

6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Clements Hall is situated within the Hawkwell Parish Council area.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

That Members note the contents of this report and determine whether or not any further action should be undertaken by Officers. (CD(FES))

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