
CCTV – WEBSTERS WAY CAR PARK

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 A request has been received from Rayleigh Town Council for the management of the CCTV cameras located in Websters Way car park to be passed to the Town Council. This report considers the request and concludes that a transfer of responsibility would be beneficial.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As part of the Websters Way enhancement scheme five new CCTV cameras were installed in Websters Way car park. The cameras are capable of being panned and zoomed and record pictures to a hard disk.
- 2.2 The cameras in the car park are not actively monitored, but if an issue arises, the Police can access the recordings to check for evidence.

3 TOWN COUNCIL PROPOSAL

- 3.1 It is understood that the Town Council has developed a new network of cameras in the High Street which can be monitored by the police and by a monitoring company at specific times of the day and night.
- 3.2 The Town Council is looking to expand coverage of the town centre and since new cameras have recently been installed in Websters Way car park, which are not currently monitored, there is justification in considering a transfer of the responsibility for the cameras to the Town Council.
- 3.3 The main benefit of transferring responsibility for the cameras to the Town Council would be to enhance their usefulness. However, the agreement could also require the Town Council to take responsibility for the repair and maintenance of the cameras, thereby securing their long term future.

4 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Transferring responsibility for the cameras to Rayleigh Town Council would provide an opportunity for more effective monitoring and any maintenance or repair could also be covered by the Town Council. It would also demonstrate effective partnership working between tiers.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Transferring the responsibility for managing the CCTV cameras to the Town Council to become part of their monitored network has the potential to improve their systematic coverage of the town centre.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 CCTV cameras will require repair and maintenance from time to time and it makes sense for that responsibility to be transferred to the Town Council as part of any agreement.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A suitable legal agreement will be required to deal with the transfer of responsibility, and to allow access to the cameras.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Board **RESOLVES** that a suitable legal agreement be prepared to enable the transfer of the responsibility for managing the CCTV cameras in Websters Way car park to Rayleigh Town Council to include maintenance and repair as required.

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Background Papers:-

Letter from Rayleigh Town Council dated 5 December 2007.

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