

Full Council

Date:	18 June 2019
Title:	CCTV Working Group
Contact Officer:	Graham Hunt, Town Clerk

Purpose of Report

1. To provide background for the nomination of two replacement Councillors to work alongside Cllr Tom Wyse on the CCTV Working Group.

Background

2. The CCTV Working Group was formed with the original objectives of:
 - a) To review the arrangements for providing CCTV in the town.
 - b) To assess the responsibilities for community safety
 - c) To review the implications of making a financial contribution to the revenue costs before committing to any future agreement.
3. Thame Town Council has subsequently contributed to the Town Centre CCTV service for many years (along with Didcot, Henley and Wallingford), with what were quarterly (now six monthly) reports provided to the Policy & Resources Committee.
4. Many see CCTV's prime function as an aid to detection, but it also plays a significant role in deterrent and in increasing community safety and welfare.
5. The CCTV Working Group's current function is for selected Members to attend the 6 monthly CCTV Management Meeting at Didcot, and to assist in the final stages of the renegotiation of the new 5 year CCTV Agreement.
6. There will also be involvement in suggesting locations and technical provision (e.g. Point-Tilt-Zoom versus Multiple Head cameras by location) as a new digital system is rolled out in Thame later in the year, following on from the digital upgrade to the CCTV Control Centre. Thame will be the first town in the group to have digital cameras.
7. Beyond that there will be continual involvement in the possible purchase of additional fixed / mobile CCTV units as part of the battle against antisocial behavior.
8. There are three Councillors on the CCTV Working Group, but two stood down at the recent elections. Sensitivity / confidentiality is such that the roles must be filled by elected Councillors, so those two ex-Councillors need replacing.

Resource Appraisal

9. No change to already agreed resources.

Risk Assessment

10. No particular risks, but the CCTV Working Group burden currently rests on one elected member.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act 1972 s111

Recommendation:

That two replacement Councillors are nominated to work alongside Cllr Tom Wyse on the CCTV Working Group.