

Policy & Resources

Report Title:	CCTV
Meeting Date:	3 November 2020
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Acting Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report

To receive an update regarding the replacement of the CCTV cameras in Thame.

Action Required

1. To consider the recommendation from the CCTV Community Safety Team at South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) for the options proposed to replace the CCTV cameras.

Background

2. SODC are progressing the replacement of the obsolete Town Centre CCTV cameras. The preparation work has been completed in the control room, with the next stage to install new CCTV Cameras in the town centre. Under the terms of the CCTV Agreement, SODC are using their discretion to seek the views of the Town Council regarding the preferred camera option.
3. The original plan was to go ahead with a camera that is visually the same as is currently in place, however an alternative option has recently become available.

Options:

- a. **The Vision Dome VRHD** - remain with the dome style camera which can be housed within the existing heritage frameworks, the appearance will not alter from that currently in place.
 - b. **The Vision Predator Ultra** – a different style of camera that does not fit within the heritage housing and would instead be positioned on the existing column and look different to that currently in place.
4. SODC operational perspective preference is for option b. The Vision Predator. Both cameras are HD but the Predator will provide a larger screen lens which enables better image quality, especially when zoomed in. This is partly due to the shape of the glass which is flatter, not affected by direct sunlight or distortion than option a, the Vision Dome camera. The Predator is a newer more robust camera which has a built in wiper making cleaning automatic, as and when required rather than a scheduled manual clean required for the Vision Dome.

5. The CCTV Working group have reviewed both camera options agreeing with the SODC Community Safety Team that option b. The Vision Predator Ultra option is preferred due to the additional benefits for community safety in the High Street.



Dome Heritage fixings



The Vision Predator Ultra

Resource Appraisal

6. The SODC Community safety contribution towards replacement CCTV cameras in Thame are approved through Section 106 agreements.

Risk Assessment

7. The town centre community safety is considered a priority for residents, businesses and visitors.

Legal Powers: The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012
General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011 s1

Recommendation:

- i) It is recommended to approve option b. The Vision Predator Ultra CCTV Camera replacement in line with the recommendation from the CCTV Working Group and South Oxfordshire District Council Community Safety Team.***