

REPLACEMENT OF CCTV EQUIPMENT

Agenda Item 6(b)

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Background Papers:- Report to BDC Responsible Authority Group -March 2005
Report to BDC Cabinet - CCTV in the Braintree District July 2005
Financial Implications:- Addressed in report
Equalities Implications:- not applicable
Legal Implications:- not applicable
Options: Addressed in report
Risks:

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding totalling £107,500 has been provided to improve the CCTV cameras, monitoring and control equipment at Causeway House.

The Council is responsible for the operation and monitoring of 21 CCTV cameras in the district (9 in Braintree, 8 in Witham (owned by WTC) and 4 around Causeway House) within Causeway House.

Witham Town Council has given notice that it no longer requires its 8 cameras to be monitored by this Council.

The current control and recording system is analogue and reaching the end of its useful life; repairs and spares are becoming problematical to resource, and therefore require replacement.

The estimated cost including contingencies for the replacement of cameras and monitoring equipment is £70,000.

DECISION

1. To replace the existing monitoring and control equipment at Causeway House and the replacement of the camera/ actuation units as one exercise at a cost of £70,000.
2. To enter into discussion with Halstead Town Council regarding the provision of a CCTV scheme for Halstead town centre.

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Background

The current control and recording system is analogue and reaching the end of its useful life; repairs and spares are becoming problematical to resource, and therefore require replacement. The sum of £100,000 has been allocated in the capital budget, with an additional small balance of £7,500 being carried forward from 2005/06.

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Discussions were held with interested parties (including businesses, Town Councils, Commercial groups) with a view for a District wide monitoring service, but insufficient interest was shown.

Witham Town Council has since given notice that it is withdrawing from our monitoring service effective from 30th September 2007, having drawn up a 3 party (WTC, Witham Industrial Watch and the Grove Centre) scheme.

Images are monitored by the Facilities Duty Officers (FDO's) at Causeway House as part of their normal duties.

The cost to increase the monitoring capacity for future development of CCTV at the same time as replacing the old equipment is minimal.

Prices were requested from two companies that had been involved with Braintree's CCTV system and had significant background knowledge. However, the prices varied significantly, primarily around the viability of continued use of the existing cameras/ actuators/housings (movement controllers the cameras fit onto). Therefore they were both requested to provide new quotations on two options. Only the incumbent supplier has responded.

Options

1. To replace the existing monitoring and control equipment at Causeway House only £46,000 and allocate £35,000 of the capital budget of £107,500 for future replacement of cameras/ actuators/housings as individual units fail.
2. To replace the existing monitoring and control equipment at Causeway House and the replacement of the camera/ actuation units as one exercise £70,000.

The successful tenderer recommends the immediate replacement of the cameras.

This would leave a balance, which gives an opportunity to enter into discussion with Halstead Town Council regarding a CCTV scheme for Halstead town centre.