

Item 4

REPORT TO CABINET

6th JANUARY 2005

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO

CCTV CAMERAS – GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN PARK

SUMMARY

A request has been received from Great Aycliffe Town Council for funding in relation to the provision of two CCTV cameras in the new Town Park. The Town Council has made a significant investment in the new Town Park facility and has entered into a Service Level Agreement with the Borough Council for the services of 2 additional Neighbourhood Wardens. The provision of CCTV cameras within the Park is seen as a logical step in terms of enhancing the safe and proper use of facilities.

The Town Council has agreed to meet the revenue costs associated with monitoring the cameras. The nature of the proposal is consistent with themes identified within the Council's Housing Land Capital Receipts Programme for Regeneration activities, consequently capital costs may be met from the allocation agreed by Cabinet for the current financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the provision of two CCTV cameras in Great Aycliffe Town Park be funded from the Council's Housing Land Capital Receipts Programme for Regeneration activities 2004/05.

CCTC CAMERAS – GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN PARK

CCTV provision is a key element of Sedgefield Borough Council's emerging Community Safety Strategy in terms of enhancing the quality of life of residents of the Borough by reducing crimes and the fear of crime.

A request has been received from Great Aycliffe Town Council for funding in relation to the provision of two CCTV cameras in the new Town Park in Newton Aycliffe. The Town Council has recently opened a new Town Park on the site of the former Avenue School. The Town Park is a significant contribution to the town and offers a range of facilities for users. Town Council capital investment in this venture is in excess of £500,000. Furthermore, the Town Council has entered into a Service Level Agreement with the Borough Council for the services of 2 additional Neighbourhood Wardens to operate as

Park Wardens. The provision of CCTV cameras within the Park is seen as a logical step in terms of enhancing the safe and proper use of facilities.

The Town Council is seeking funding from the Borough Council to meet capital costs associated with the provision of the two cameras.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The capital costs for two cameras have been estimated as £48,400.

The Town Council will meet all revenue costs associated with the provision of the cameras in respect of monitoring, maintenance, BT line rentals and electricity costs. Monitoring Charges will be subject to annual review and will be increased each year in line with annual pay awards. Any annual increases in maintenance costs, BT Line Rentals and electricity costs will be recharged in full to the Town Council.

These arrangements will be the subject of a Service Level Agreement to inform the Borough Council's Medium Term Financial Planning process.

The nature of the proposal is consistent with themes identified within the Council's Housing Land Capital Receipts Programme for Regeneration activities, consequently capital costs can be met from the allocation agreed by Cabinet for the current financial year.

CONSULTATIONS

Extensive consultation was undertaken by Great Aycliffe Town Council regarding the development of the new Town Park.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

CCTV camera provision is a key aspect of the Borough's emerging Community Safety Strategy and is also supported by the Sedgfield Borough Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IMPLICATIONS

None.

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Key Decision Validation:

Background Papers:

1. Correspondence with Great Aycliffe Town Council – Nov. 2004.

Examination by Statutory Officers

	Yes	Not Applicable
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