

MTC Full Council 22.9.20

Report No 1 CCTV Capability in Malmesbury

1. The Police team came to meet the Council at its January 2020, and meeting. At this meeting they requested the Council consider the installation of CCTV to support them in evidencing criminal behaviour. At this time the Council agreed to look into the matter. At the time of the visit, the Police team assigned to cover Malmesbury were temporarily located in Malmesbury itself, pending the refurbishment of Royal Wotton Bassets station as the area Police Hub. They have since be re-deployed to this location as their operational base.
2. Over the Covid 19 'period' and the summer there have been significant issues of anti-social behaviour and incidents of criminal damage in High Street, Market Cross, Gloucester Road, and the Cloister Gardens in particularly. The latter is under review by the Council for investment for community benefit.
3. Subsequently there has been some fact-finding work, including a site meeting with a local CCTV provider to ascertain what might be installed in the Town, how it could work, and the indicative cost.
4. Based on an initial conversation with this one provider, CCTV capability could be installed to cover the High Street, Cross Hayes car park, Market Cross, Gloucester Street, Cloister Gardens, and Station Yard Car park.
5. To enable this a combination system wireless linked cameras and broadband could be used; with server capacity held locally (as advised).
6. ICO and data protection would need to be an integral management aspect of any system installed.ⁱ Remoted access to the camera footage could potential and be accessed by the Police if required.
7. For a CCTV system as outlined indicative costs would be in the region of £30000-£50000, depending on how comprehensive a camera system was implemented. Due to the amounts of funds involved, if the Council were to proceed in commissioning CCTV, a procurement process would be required, with three quotes needed to be obtained.ⁱⁱ
8. Wiltshire Council Community engagement Manager has indicated that the Area Board Community Grant could be available to help fund this area of provision.

9. Consultation with the community and retailers may be also considered as a pre-requisite to embarking on a tendering process.
10. The Council have a duty to support community safetyⁱⁱⁱ and as such can support CCTV both financially or otherwise.
11. The Council are asked to consider the matter of installing CCTV in the Town, and instruct the Town Clerk if they wish to proceed on a tendering process.

Richard Spencer-Williams – Town Clerk

ⁱ <https://www.gov.uk/data-protection-your-business/using-cctv>

ⁱⁱ Public Contracts Regulations 2015

ⁱⁱⁱ Crime ad Disorder Act 2006 s17