

REVIEW OF CCTV CAMERAS


Item CB 21/55 referred from Cabinet of 2 June 2021

The joint report of the Director of Central Services, the Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services and the Cabinet Member for Communities invited further consideration of the recommendations from the meeting of Cabinet held on 26 January 2021 in respect of CCTV.

As a result of additional information becoming available and some high profile crime taking place in recent months, the Cabinet welcomed the opportunity to reassess the original recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 3 December 2020.

The Cabinet recognised the importance of CCTV in relation to community safety and reducing the fear of and deterring crime and anti-social behaviour. There was also recognition of the financial burden of CCTV operations on residents and the Borough Council would continue to lobby the Police and Crime Commissioner, Kent Police and local Members of Parliament for additional funding support.

In addition, it was reported that Government had increased funding for the Safer Streets initiative which could potentially be used for improvements to CCTV and lighting in high risk areas.

RECOMMENDED: That it be commended to Council that the current live CCTV monitoring remain unchanged following a reassessment of the existing operation on the grounds of community safety and crime prevention. 

***Referred to Council**