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**CCTV – LASCELLES PARK**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Bill Dixon,  
Community and Public Protection Portfolio**

**Responsible Director(s) - Cliff Brown, Director of Community Services**

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**Purpose of Report**

1. To request the release of funds to install CCTV within Lascelles Park.

**Information and Analysis**

2. There is a rolling programme of installation of CCTV within parks and open spaces. To date cameras have been installed in South Park, Alderman Crooks Park, North Lodge Park, North Park, Eastbourne Park and last year funding was released to install cameras in Springfield Park, the Denes and Red Hall.

**Description of the Scheme**

3. A CCTV camera will be placed on the open space at Lascelles Park. The camera will be appropriately located to cover the play area, school, rear of the public house, open space and surrounding streets. A map showing the proposed location of the camera is attached as **Appendix 1**.
4. This camera will be the latest technology; signals will be microwaved back to the allotment camera site where it will be transmitted on by BT fibre optics.

**Other Options Considered**

5. In an attempt to continue to tackle anti social behaviour in this area, the Wardens are continually deployed, engaging with the local community. Following analysis last year to identify the most appropriate sites for CCTV cameras on open spaces, Lascelles Park was the fourth priority with Springfield, the Denes and Red Hall being dealt with in last year's capital funding.
6. The chosen technology is the most appropriate and cost effective for this site due to its location.

**Objectives and Outcomes of the Scheme including Performance Measures**

7. The major objectives of the scheme are:
    - (a) To install a CCTV camera within the large open space on Lascelles Park.
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- (b) To improve residents' perception of Community Safety within the vicinity of the open space.
- (c) To protect the recently installed play area which was mainly provided by the fundraising activity of residents.

**Delivery of the Project**

- 8. It is anticipated that once the funding is released the CCTV camera will be installed within 3-4 months.

**Future Revenue Costs**

- 9. It is anticipated that future revenue costs will be approximately £2,000 per annum. The ongoing maintenance costs will be met within existing budgets.

**Total Costs of the Scheme and How It Will Be Funded**

- 10. Capital costs and funding source are detailed in the following table:-

<b>Budget</b>		<b>Funding</b>	
<b>Type of Expenditure</b>	<b>Budget £</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Construction Costs	6,000	Capital Resources	30,000
Professional Fees	4,000		
Equipment Costs	20,000		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,000</b>

**Outcome of Consultation**

- 11. During last year, consultation took place with the Residents Association with regard to the installation of CCTV in the open space. Prior to installing a camera, further consultation will take place with the Residents Association identifying the appropriate site for the camera to be located.

**Legal Implications**

- 12. This report has been considered by the Legal Services Manager for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Legal Services Manager considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

## **Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998**

13. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area.
14. The programme of extending CCTV in parks and open spaces has a significant impact on crime and disorder and the intention of the programme is to continue to reduce crime and provide an environment residents feel safe in.

### **Council Policy Framework**

15. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

### **Decision Deadline**

16. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

### **Recommendation**

17. It is recommended that capital funds to install a CCTV camera in the open space at Lascelles Park be approved.

### **Reasons**

18. The recommendations are supported to improve residents' perception of Community Safety within their area.

**Cliff Brown**  
**Director of Community Services**

### **Background Papers**

No Background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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