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ABINGDON TOWN COUNCIL

Report to	Town Infrastructure Advisory Committee
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CCTV

1. **Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To consider a request from the Vale of White Horse District Council for a financial contribution for CCTV in Abingdon.

2. **Summary**

- 2.1 The Vale of White Horse District Council (the District Council) has requested a contribution towards new CCTV cameras in Abingdon. The District Council has noted that other towns have provided support.
- 2.2 The District Council has requested that the Town Council provides one-third of costs, although it is noted that this level of contribution could be phased in.

3. **Action required**

- 3.1 Councillors are asked to consider the request and the level of any support which may be offered

4. **Link to strategic plan and objectives**

- 4.1 This relates to key objective 2: 'to develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future'.

5. **Background**

- 5.1 Abingdon Town Council has previously offered funding to support CCTV in the town provided by the District Council. The most recent funding provided by Abingdon Town Council for CCTV was £1,650 in 2014-15. This was an annual contribution which was paid for a number of years.

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- 5.2 The District Council had expected to contact the Town Council with regard to funding in early 2020 but the pandemic delayed this.
- 5.3 In the meantime work was completed to upgrade the CCTV equipment in the control room to a digital system and approval was recently granted to replace the CCTV cameras in Abingdon with new digital cameras.
- 5.4 The District Council has noted that other Town Councils have recently agreed to contribute a figure which equates to one third of the operating costs of the cameras, in line with the agreements in place with the Town Councils in South Oxfordshire where CCTV is provided.
- 5.5 The District Council has asked Abingdon Town Council to consider a contribution based on this. The District Council has noted that there are 23 CCTV cameras in Abingdon and consequently one third of the operating costs would be significantly higher than any of our other town councils. It has noted that any contribution may need to be phased in over time. A spreadsheet has been provided which illustrates the costs and is reproduced below.

Abingdon - CCTV estimated 2021-22			
Vale of White Horse	No of cameras	Total cost	Cost per camera
Control room (taking into account TVP contribution)	29	£60,768	£2,095
Insurance	29	£2,020	£70
Maintenance and cleaning	29	£3,933	£136
Total	29	£66,721	£2,301
Abingdon	No of cameras	Total costs	One third
Control room	23	£52,917	£17,639
Electricity	23	£1,300	£433
BT rental	23	£20,864	£6,955
Total	23	£75,081	£25,027
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Quarterly invoice charge			£6,256.72

6. **Key information and options**

6.1 Members may consider the following options:

1. Continue to not contribute to this cost;
2. Agree to the request;
3. Consider a contribution which differs from the proposed figure.

7. **Climate change/green implications**

7.1 None

8. **Financial/budget implications**

8.1 The request would require additional annual spending by the Town Council of up to £25,027.

8.2 There is no current relevant budget line.

9. **HR implications**

9.1 None

10. **Supporting papers and appendices**

10.1 A report is attached as an appendix which provides more information about the type of incidents that are monitored in Abingdon and how they are used.