

## RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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title: CCTV CAPITAL SCHEME- REQUEST FOR FURTHER CAMERAS  
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### 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request approval for the proposed installation of further CCTV cameras in addition to those covered within the existing capital scheme, in the castle grounds near the Bowling Green Café, and also at the Edisford Riverside Barrier.
- 1.2 Should the proposal be approved, this would be added to the existing Replacement CCTV capital scheme for the revised estimate, subject to approval by Policy and Finance Committee.
- 1.3 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:
- Community Objectives – To sustain a strong and prosperous Ribble Valley.
  - Corporate Priorities – To protect and enhance the existing environmental quality of our area.

### 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A capital budget request was submitted and approved for a CCTV Upgrade for the existing cameras in Clitheroe, Whalley and Longridge. The approved budget was £60,000. This work has since been tendered during the 2019/20 financial year.
- 2.2 The main section of the tender document was the replacement of the cameras, however following consultation with the Police two extra cameras were identified as being required. These, together with the replacement of an expensive internet link between the cameras in Whalley and the CCTV were included as Provisional Items, to be taken up if funds were available.
- 2.3 The existing internet connection cost £2,600 annually and the cost for a replacement was a capital cost of £1,832 with a monthly revenue cost of £45
- 2.4 The other 2 provisional costs covered the installation of 2 new cameras. One on Whalley Road at the corner of Mearley Street and Whalley Road. This was seen to be a crucial camera by the police as it covers the main entrance and exit to Clitheroe. The provisional cost of this was £4,870. This was already planned to be included within the overall budget cost for the replacement CCTV capital scheme.
- 2.5 The second was the installation of a camera in the castle grounds overlooking the bowling green café. (Since being unoccupied there has been £21,000 spent on damage due to vandalism and theft. There is still approximately another £5,000 needed to be spent on plastering and decoration before the building can be used again.) The provisional cost of this camera was £9,760.

- 2.6 The main part of the contract was completed before the first lockdown. However, when the contractor was approached to discuss the provisional items the costs for the two new cameras had changed, mainly as a result of Covid. The costs were now £7,640 and £6,930 respectively.
- 2.7 Another camera has been identified as being required following 2 incidents of vandalism to the newly installed barrier at Edisford Riverside. The 2 incidents to date, both insurance claims, have cost £3,000. This installation would be independent of the monitored CCTV system and would include a dedicated recorder and cost approximately £4,000.
- 2.8 As the Whalley Road camera was already planned to be included within the overall budget cost for the replacement CCTV capital scheme, this increased cost has been reflected in the proposed revised capital budgets – included elsewhere on the agenda. This has created a proposed revised estimate for the scheme of £62,800.

<b>Replacement CCTV Capital Scheme</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Original Scheme Budget – 2019/20</b>		<b>60,000</b>
Camera Upgrades (2019/20)		26,910
Control Room Upgrades (2019/20)		26,420
Provisional Item – alternative method of relaying images from Whalley cameras (avoiding BT rented fibre costs) (2019/20)		1,830
<b>Total Spend in 2019/20</b>		<b>55,160</b>
<b>Budget Slipped from 2019/20 to 2020/21</b>		<b>4,840</b>
Whalley Road Camera (2020/21)		7,640
<b>Further Budget provided for at Capital Revised Estimate</b>		<b>2,800</b>
<b>Resulting Revised Capital Budget for 2020/21</b>		<b>7,640</b>

### 3 PROPOSED BOWLING GREEN AND EDISFORD CAMERAS

- 3.1 As the Whalley Road camera is provided for as shown above at paragraph 2.8, members are asked to consider whether they wish to progress the installation of two further cameras at the Bowling Green Café and at the Edisford Riverside Barrier.
- 3.2 As mentioned above, both of these sites have been subjected to substantial vandalism. There has been recent capital spend in installing the Edisford Barrier and there is substantial future Capital spend programmed for the refurbishment of the Bowling Green Café of £48,000 in 2023/24.
- 3.3 As a result it is recommended that further CCTV coverage to protect these assets would be advantageous.

- 3.4 If these works were to be approved, this would result in a further total addition to the capital scheme of £10,930

<b>Replacement CCTV Capital Scheme</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Current Proposed Revised Capital Budget for 2020/21</b>		<b>7,640</b>
Proposed New Bowling Green Café Camera		6,930
Proposed New Edisford Barrier Camera		4,000
<b>Total Additional Budget Required for Proposals</b>		<b>10,930</b>
<b>Resulting Revised Capital Budget for 2020/21 (if proposals approved)</b>		<b>18,570</b>

- 3.5 In order to fund this increased capital scheme it is proposed to utilise any services savings that can be identified within the services

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – Although the original capital budget was sufficient to fund the basic upgrade for the existing system, if the proposed additional cameras at the Bowling Green Café and at Edisford Riverside Barrier are approved, then this would further increase the budget by £10,930, which in turn would need to be funded. There will likely be a revenue saving from the installation of the additional cameras as they would hopefully act as a deterrent to future vandalism.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – Whilst there is no shortage of opinions of “better” additional / alternative installations, the two included as provisional items are recommended by the police and the Edisford setup is in response to a clear, identified, recurring problem.
- Political – Public perception of safeness. Not every bid for extensions to the Council’s CCTV system can be accommodated, either technically or financially. In the face of multiple demands from parish councils for extra cameras, the Council may consider helping establish stand alone, independent mini systems, as have been effective in other locations.
- Reputation – By supporting the measures recommended by the police, the Council will be seen to be active in protecting our residents.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Approve the proposed cameras at the Castle Grounds Bowling Green Café and at the Edisford Riverside Barrier at a total cost of £10,930
- 5.2 Ask that Policy and Finance Committee consider the increased cost of these additional cameras in the revision of this committee's capital budget for 2020/21.

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