

REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT WOLLATON VALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 SUMMARY

This report seeks approval from the West Area Committee for funding to be made available towards the upgrading of CCTV to improve security. The Community Centre Association will be contributing £800 from their budget towards the work. The Committee funding approval is subject to the completion of a single gateway application.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee allocate £800 from the West Area Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget towards the upgrading of CCTV at the Community Centre, subject to the completion of a single gateway application.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will be aware that community safety came out as a top priority for the West Area as indicated by the satisfaction survey conducted in early 2008. It is this reason that many of the top Local Area Agreement performance indicators selected by this Committee are around crime and anti-social behaviour reduction.
- 3.2 The West Area Committee has, on numerous occasions in the past, supported campaigns to address burglaries from public buildings. Particular successes within this area were achieved in reducing burglaries from community centres, schools, libraries and health centres.
- 3.3 The Neighbourhood Management Team has been contacted by the Beat Manager and the Community Association of Wollaton Vale Community Centre informing them of lead being stolen from the centre roof. Unfortunately the existing CCTV equipment was not functional and therefore failed to identify the culprits.
- 3.4 The Neighbourhood Management Team appointed a security company to diagnose problems with the Community Centre security system. The security company identified a number of problems with the system which would be very expensive to repair. A better option is to upgrade the system costing considerably less than the original installation.

- 3.5 The Beat Manager has suggested the working CCTV will greatly improve security in the area, raise confidence of people using the facility and help detect reported drug dealing near the centre.
- 3.6 The total cost of the upgrade is £1,600 and the Community Centre Association have raised £800 from their own budgets. The money will be spent on the supply of:
- § a 4 channel DVR (real time with 320GB HD and CD writer);
 - § 2 x 7" LCD monitors;
 - § 1 internal day/night high resolution infra red weather proof camera;
 - § installation of equipment

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members agree to the request made in the section 2 of this report.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The £800 costs can be met by charging the West Area Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget. The uncommitted balance of the Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, stands currently as follows:

Crime and Anti-social Behaviour	£20,000
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6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The Community Centre is used by a diverse section of the community, including BME groups and people with disabilities.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The Community Centre Association will not be able to upgrade the security equipment without contribution from this Area Committee.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

The improvements to security at the centre will help to reduce burglaries and detect drug crime within the area.

10 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This report contributes towards the following strategic priorities:

- § people feeling safe in their communities;
- § promoting active citizenship;

§ respect for Nottingham.

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

The West Area Team aims to develop projects which make a valuable contribution to the Best Value Review process and to adhere to the Best Value principles.

12 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

13 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

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