

REQUEST FOR FUNDS RELATING TO THE BRINNINGTON CCTV PROJECT**Report of the Director of Place Management****1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The report sets out a request for funds to facilitate the completion of a project to improve the CCTV coverage in Brinnington.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In July 2022, the then Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing approved £93,000 for the cost of improved CCTV coverage in Brinnington from the Brinnington Mitigation Fund. This funding request followed a review of CCTV provision in Brinnington by Stockport Homes Group (SHG) as the Council's CCTV operator, working with their procured specialist CCTV provider, Review Systems. This review was undertaken in response to concerns raised, including from partner agencies (most notably Greater Manchester Police (GMP)) to help address particular issues in Brinnington related to anti-social behaviour and organised crime. Working with members, GMP, housing officers and partner agencies, the focus of the review considered 'hotspots' and the suitability and location of existing cameras rather than just increasing numbers which may in turn have impacted on perceptions in the area.

3. ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIRED

- 3.1 Originally, it was envisaged that the CCTV cameras could be permanently fixed to existing street furniture such as lamp posts, however, the council's Street Lighting team have since confirmed that this would be acceptable for a period of six months in order to protect the structural integrity of the existing street lighting columns. SHG have since received a quote for the installation of six dedicated 8-metre-high CCTV columns from Transportation Services. It is these dedicated CCTV poles and their installation that this report is requesting funding for, the cost being £14,612.
- 3.2 It is therefore proposed that the funding gap be plugged utilising £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget and £4,612 from the Delegated budget (Brinnington and Stockport Central ward allocation) in order that columns can be installed, and the CCTV project be implemented as soon as possible.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources be requested to approve the use of £10,000 from the Ward Discretionary Budget towards the cost of six dedicated CCTV columns to improve CCTV coverage in Brinnington.
- 4.2 The Area Committee is requested to approve the use of £4,612 from the Delegated Budget (Brinnington and Stockport Central ward allocation) towards the cost of the installation of the columns.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

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