

## STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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**Date:** 15 July 2024

**Title:** Town Centre CCTV scheme – request for capital contribution

**Contact Officer:** Responsible Financial Officer

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### Background

At the Council meeting on 17 June 2024 the Town Clerk/C.E.O advised that the Council had received notice of changes to the Witney CCTV scheme, which the Town Council contributed to annually. Following consideration it was resolved:

“That, the Council agree in principle to make contributions of £11,267 (2025/26) £11,591 (2026/27) and £11,922 (2027/28) towards the CCTV scheme.”

### Current Situation

Following the meeting the Town Clerk/C.E.O informed the District Council officer and received the following response:

*“That’s very welcome news about the ongoing financial contributions from your Council. We very much appreciate your Council’s support and yours too to make this happen.*

*“The average cost for a camera upgrade is c£5,000 and the total investment in Witney town centre cameras will be c£122,000. Would it be reasonable to ask your Council to meet the cost of two cameras, as a maximum? We will achieve as much of the shortfall as we can through value engineering, and ultimately achieve an ask less than £10,000.”*

The Council’s budget for 2024-25 does not include any provision for the capital costs of the CCTV operated by the District Council.

Members are requested to consider the request from the District Council to fund the capital costs of the CCTV scheme to a maximum of £10,000. As there is no budget for such a contribution, if Members are minded to approve the request then this would require a recommendation to the Policy, Governance and Finance Committee for a supplementary estimate to be raised.

In considering this request Members will wish to be mindful of the considerable financial pressures which the Town Council, in line with most other active local councils, continues to face.

**Environmental impact**

There would be no additional environmental impacts arising from this matter.

**Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

**Financial implications**

At maximum, a supplementary estimate of £10,000 would increase the Council's current year expenditure by that amount and reduce the general reserve by the same amount.

**Recommendations**

Members are invited to note this report and consider whether to recommend to the Finance, Policy and Governance Committee that a supplementary estimate is raised.