

Leisure & Amenities Committee

CCTV – Westlea Park Play Area Proposal – as requested by Cllr Gattapur

1	PROJECT PROPOSAL
1.1	To consider the introduction of temporary CCTV cameras to cover Westlea Park.
2	INTRODUCTION
2.1	Following previous consideration of CCTV for Bloomsbury Park by this Committee, the resolution was as follows <i>RESOLVED that the issue of anti social behaviour in parks and open spaces continues to be monitored</i>
2.2	Cllr Gattapur has requested that this Committee consider progressing some form of CCTV for Westlea Park. In the last year, play equipment in the toddler play area has been repeatedly vandalised. Residents report regular drug dealing without concealment throughout the park area.
3	PROPOSAL
3.1	The Parish Council would need to establish a case for installation of CCTV monitoring the public domain. To avoid issues relating to licensing/data control and retrieval, the simplest approach to CCTV is to secure an additional camera for installation to the Swindon Borough Council network (location would depend on installation requirements). This would be the most cost effective and practical option but would require Swindon Borough Council’s agreement.
4	IMPACT
4.1	Any use of CCTV must be proportionate and justifiably necessary .
4.2	The Parish Council has no enforcement powers so if this was the purpose of the CCTV, it would need to have support from the ‘enforcing’ organization that it would view and respond to incidents captured on CCTV.
4.3	It is possible that CCTV at Westlea Park would deter the drug dealing behaviours however it is just as likely that these will shift to another location or where the camera is less likely to reach.
5	COSTS
5.1	The camera would be part of the CCTV monitoring across the Borough. Costs would be in the region of £1600 for a single camera. Monitoring in the region of £400 per annum for a single camera. There would also be signage costs. Costs in year one estimated: £2,200 Costs in subsequent years £400 depending on contingency for

	repair/replacement.
6.	BUDGET
6.1	The Parish Council has not factored CCTV and maintenance for public open spaces into its annual budget.
7	FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS
7.1	Consideration would need to be given as to whether this is an effective response to deter drug dealing and vandalism and whether it is justified and proportionate.
7.2	Replacement or repair camera costs would need to be met by the Parish Council. It is not known what this could be.
8.	RECOMMENDATIONS
8.1	That this Committee notes the information in this report in order to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of CCTV.
8.2	That this Committee makes a resolution determining next steps for this proposal.

Paula Harrison, Parish Manager