

## Cabinet 26/1/17 - Comments from Overview & Scrutiny Panels

### Part I

#### Corporate Services

##### **Financial Update**

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Financial Update Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations. The Panel were informed that there were no unforeseen budget risks and future pressures were in the Budget report. The Chairman thanked the Lead Member for attending the meeting.

##### **Delivering Differently in Operations and Customer Services – CCTV and Control Room Services**

The Corporate Services O&S Panel considered the Delivering Differently in Operations and Customer Services – CCTV Cabinet report and fully endorsed the recommendations subject to the Panels points below (and comments made during Part II Private Session) being taken on board by Cabinet. The Panel noted that in the recommendations the implementation options should refer to point 2.28 of the report and not 2.41.

It was mentioned that consideration should also be given to charging Thames Valley Police for use of the CCTV system and provision of evidence bundles; it was noted that this may be subject to collaborative proposals being explored. The Panel noted that Thames Valley police on average visited the control room five times a day yet they contributed little to the running of the control room.

The Panel felt that the cost of removing the cameras seemed excessive at £3000 each, it was suggested that this figure be tested before the work went ahead to remove the cameras.

As part of the review the Panel asked that if residents associations, parish councils or ward councillors with their discretionary budget wanted to retain their cameras would the council would come up with a fee structure that would allow the cameras to stay.

The Chairman thanked the Lead Member for presenting the report.

#### Highways and Transport

##### **Parking Provision for the Borough**

No comments received

## Crime & Disorder

### **Delivering Differently in Operations and Customer Services – CCTV and Control Room Services**

The Crime & Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Panel unanimously agreed to recommend to Cabinet that they note the report and:

- i. Delegate authority to the Interim Strategic Director of Operations and Customer Services in conjunction with the Lead Member for Environmental Services including Parking to:
  - a. Implement options A and B, see point 2.28.
  - b. Commission expert resource to undertake a review of the CCTV network including options for joint/merged services and develop a proposal to reconfigure current CCTV arrangements as set out in option A, and report the findings to Cabinet in August 2017.

The Panel commented that they were in full agreement that the Councils CCTVs were in need of upgrading but were disappointed to see that children's playgrounds were on the list of 30 cameras proposed for decommission.

The Panel commented that they would prefer to see any decommissioned cameras left in place for a set amount of time so they could be reinstated if necessary and so they could act as a deterrent to crime.

The Panel stated that Council would not be able to rely on private cameras as a substitute for Council CCTV cameras.

The Panel suggested that the Council should contact the MOD, Home Office and Ascot Racecourse to see if they might be interested in contributing some funding towards the security of Windsor Castle and towards safety at events such as Royal Ascot, etc.

The Panel also suggested looking into whether the Council could apply for a contribution of the £1m capital funding set aside by the Thames Valley Police for the Thames Valley region.