

CCTV Proposal

Proposal:

Framlingham Town Council agrees in principle to the introduction of public CCTV in Framlingham.

Purpose:

To deter criminal activity in Market Hill and its vicinity and provide evidence for the police in the event of offences being committed.

Evidence:

Crime figures for about the last three years for Market Hill and the surrounding area (Well Close to Saxmundham Road bordered by the Mere and Fore Street) were reviewed (see Appendix A). Generally, the crimes recorded in this area make up about half the total for the town. The most prolific reported crimes are anti-social behaviour/public order, violent crimes and thefts. On average there is about one reported offence per week but there are instances of multiple offences on a single day.

The instances of criminal damage, burglary and anti-social behaviour focused on the town centre have drawn adverse comment and have caused concern for the community.

Public surveys:

The Town Survey indicated about 80% of responders in favour of CCTV.

A survey of businesses and residents in the vicinity of Market Hill showed 31 out of 33 responders in favour of CCTV.

Parameters of deployment:

Focussed on Market Hill with access/egress routes covered by cameras. The car parks in Fore Street and The Elms will be included in the coverage. This should maximise the opportunities to identify people committing offences in the Market Hill area.

Costs:

Two companies have previously been approached in relation to supplying CCTV for the Town. Indicative cost for CCTV is likely to be in the region of £25k plus maintenance contracts at £600 - £2k per year. Both companies will be contacted to ensure that they are offering the same coverage, confirm the proposed operating systems and projected costs.

Source of funding:

If adopted, it is suggested that CIL funds are used for capital costs. There will be ongoing revenue costs for the Town Council.

Other considerations:

Any system adopted will have to be appropriate for a conservation area.

SCC will have to grant permission for the cameras to be mounted on their lamp posts.

Next steps:

If this proposal is agreed then the next steps will be to firm up the requirement, seek bids for the work and prepare a business case for FTC to consider.

Appendix A - Crimes recorded in the Market Hill Area 2017/20

Years	Total	Theft	Burglary	Violence	ASB/PO*	Criminal Damage	Vehicle Crime	Other Crimes
2017/8	54	11	7	10	10	4		12
2018/9	61	17	1	11	18	7	1	6
2019/20 up to Jan 20	36	9	1	11	12	1		2

*Anti-social Behaviour and Public Order offences.