

CCTV REPORT

General Purposes Committee Tuesday 22 May 2018

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CCTV UPGRADE PROGRAMME

There are two proposed upgrade schemes for the existing CCTV system:

- a. At the Lower Bullring to produce images of the southern end of Fore Street, the Lower Bullring and The Hayridge entrance. The purpose of these cameras would be to monitor and detect instances of, particularly, Anti-Social Behaviour in the vicinity of The Hayridge entrance and the fast food outlets in Fore Street. The suggest position for the pillar on which to mount these cameras will include the replacement of the existing lighting column at the extreme north east of the Higher Bullring immediately adjacent to 65 Fore Street. Advice has been sought from DCC (who own this pillar) who have indicated that, in principle, they would be content for this pillar to be replaced on condition that:
 - i. The new pillar retains its function as a street light by retaining the installation of the street light fitting.
 - ii. All costs associated with the replacement of the existing lighting column are borne by Cullompton Town Council.
 - iii. That the new column is adopted by Cullompton Town Council for all future repair and maintenance.
 - iv. That the new column should also have a structural, load bearing arm extending by c1.5m from the column on which to mount the cameras in order that the images recorded are from the best location.
- b. At the junction of High Street and Station Road. The purpose of these cameras would be to monitor the traffic flow at this end of High Street (including Higher Street) and Station Road as this is a potential accident black spot and subject to heavy congestion during peak times. This scheme is more problematic in that it will probably require the installation of another new pillar on which to mount the CCTV camera equipment in an area that already has a forest of pillars and posts that are unsuitable for the purposes of CCTV.

In both cases, there is an additional thread to consider in that the office of the PCC is investigating the possible creation of a County or District hub for the remote monitoring of individual CCTV cameras in order that the local Police may be more pro-active when responding to incidents. Cullompton Town Council has expressed an interest in this project and, as it is rolled out, there may be some capital funding available for the improvement and expansion of existing CCTV schemes. However, there will be ongoing costs associated with the ongoing remote monitoring of individual cameras – a similar scheme in Cornwall costs Town and Parish Councils c£1,000 per camera per annum.

RECOMMENDATION: That the CCTV expansion is put on hold until the meeting of the General Purposes meeting in June to allow a Town Council representative to attend a meeting of interested parties, hosted by the office of the PCC, currently planned to take place during the week commencing 11 June 2018.