

COMMUNITY POLICY ADVISORY GROUP

Meeting - 11 November 2013

Present: Mrs Cranmer, Mr Brown, Mrs Holloway, Mr Kelly, Mr Sandy and Mr Walters

Apologies for absence: Miss Hazell and Ms Vigor-Hedderly

25. MINUTES

The Part I minutes of the meeting of the PAG held on 16 September 2013 were received.

26. FUTURE OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION IN GERRARDS CROSS

The PAG received a report which advised Members of the increasing costs to the Council to maintain CCTV coverage in Gerrards Cross, following the decision of Gerrards Cross Parish Council to cease their contribution to the running costs of the CCTV cameras from March 2014. The PAG were asked to advise the Portfolio Holder on the future of the system.

The PAG noted that on 27 September, the Council received a letter from Gerrards Cross Parish Council stating that the Parish Council would no longer be contributing to the running costs of the CCTV cameras from March 2014.

The PAG were asked to consider the 3 options which were set out in paragraph 4.2 of the report:

1. Cease to use the CCTV and generate a saving amounting to £14,415
2. Continue to use the CCTV and pay all of the running costs, resulting in an increased cost of £11,500
3. Review the monitoring and transmission arrangements of the CCTV cameras to reduce the overall running costs.

The PAG noted the estimated financial implication of each option as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

The PAG were of the opinion that the effectiveness of fixed CCTV, as described in the report, would not justify the Council picking up the additional cost to keep it running. Bearing this in mind and in light of the Council's current financial position, the PAG advised the Portfolio Holder to recommend to the Cabinet that the Council ceases to use the CCTV in Gerrards Cross.

The PAG supported the proposal that before any decision is made to remove the equipment, a further report on the exact cost of removing the equipment, together with the benefits and risks connected to removing the equipment, should be presented to a future meeting.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet that

1. the Council ceases to use the CCTV in Gerrards Cross, generating a saving of £14,415.
2. a further report be presented to a future meeting on the exact cost of removing the equipment, together with the benefits and risks connected to this decision.

27. EXEMPT INFORMATION

Members noted that the following items contained information which was not available to the press and public

Part II minutes

(Schedule 12A Part 1 Para (3) - because of information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular individual)

Leisure Contract Extension

(Schedule 12A Part 1 Para (3) - because of information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular individual)

Over 60s Club in Burnham

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The meeting terminated at 6.46 pm