

Date: 9 January 2020

Lap Top Purchase

Executive Summary

To consider the purchase of a Parish Lap Top for use by the Police to enable access to Parish CCTV.

Recommendation to Amenities and Finance & Administration (27 January 2020)

That Members agree to the purchase of a Parish Lap Top computer that will allow Surrey Police to have access to the Parish CCTV system.

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 Members are asked to consider the purchase of a Parish owned stand alone Lap Top computer that will enable Surrey Police to access the Parish CCTV system.

2. Background

2.1 Ash Parish Council operates a CCTV system with approximately 30 CCTV cameras. These cameras are situated not only within and around the Parish Council Offices/workshops but also at a number of sites around the Parish.

2.2 The Police currently request either in person or via e-mail for historic footage to be viewed relating to incidents that have occurred within range of the specific cameras.

2.3 There has also been an occasion where ongoing contact was made by the Police Incident Control Room that live footage was monitored by a Council Officer during an incident that was taking place. This provided the police with vital information before the deployment of armed response units.

2.4 The above incident also led to an officer being contacted out of normal business so that the investigating officer could review footage of the incident before charges etc were brought.

2.5 During the past year the police have requested an increasing number of viewings of the CCTV footage either in person or by e-mail following various incidents around the area.

2.6 A Lap Top connected to the Councils CCTV would enable the Police to view either live footage or archive footage as and when they wished to do so on a 24/7 basis.

2.7 The amount of officers time taken up can depend on a number of factors including the amount of footage to be viewed and possibly downloaded onto a disk/s for Police use.

2.8 If the purchase does proceed the Lap Top would be set up to allow the Police to access our CCTV system only and it would also be totally secured to prevent unauthorised access.

3. Future Options

- 3.1 To either allow the purchase of the Lap Top to allow the Police to view footage without taking up Council Officers time or to continue as at present taking Officers time.

4. Options

- 4.1 Members may decide to:

- a) Agree with the purchase of a Lap top; or
- b) Agree to continue as at present.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The financial implications of this purchase would be;

To purchase a Business grade laptop with a 15 inch screen, a 250GB SSD (Solid State Hard Drive for faster response times), 8GB RAM at a cost of £655.00 plus VAT.

- 5.2 A business Grade Lap Top is a more robust Lap Top than an “over the counter” lap top.

6. Implications on Crime and Disorder

- 6.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (Section 17) requires a parish council to consider the crime and disorder implications of any decision.

- 6.2 There are possibly significant implications arising from the purchase of a Lap Top as this would allow the Police to view footage whilst incidents were actually occurring or to study incidents to obtain vital evidence to assist in prosecutions..

7. Implications on Biodiversity

- 7.1 There are no significant implications arising from this purchase.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

None.

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From: Joel Baker <joel.baker@jbcomputers.uk.com>
Sent: 07 January 2020 13:56
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Subject: Laptop for the Police

Hi Sarah / Graham,

We can get a laptop with a 15" HD screen, 256GB SSD, 8GB RAM for £655.00 + VAT.
We could then join this to our 365 so that it stays within our scope of management.
Let me know what you think.

Kind regards
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