



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
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Name and date of Committee	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 5 JUNE 2024 EXECUTIVE – 12 JUNE 2024
Subject	APPROVAL FOR UPGRADING PUBLIC SPACE CCTV PROVISION AND NEW MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS
Wards affected	All Carterton wards, Witney Central and Witney South, Chipping Norton
Accountable member	Cllr Geoff Saul, Executive Member for Housing and Social Welfare geoff.saul@westoxon.gov.uk
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Summary	On 12 June, the Executive will consider a report that recommends upgrading the public open space CCTV cameras covering areas of Carterton and Witney to high definition digital, together with the installation of five new cameras in Chipping Norton. It further recommends the Council joins the Thames Valley Police CCTV partnership, with an associated transfer of CCTV assets and operational responsibility to TVP under a 'single owner' model; and moving monitoring arrangements to a shared Oxfordshire hub.
Annexes	Annex A – Draft Executive report Annex B – Crime data
Recommendations	The Executive is asked to: I. Note the draft report and make any recommendations for upgrading the public open space CCTV cameras and the associated changes to join the Thames Valley Police CCTV Partnership, with a shared Oxfordshire hub for monitoring.
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Putting Residents First• A Good Quality of Life for All• Working Together for West Oxfordshire
Key Decision	No
Exempt	No
Consultation	Engagement with Thames Valley Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the other Oxfordshire districts. Further consultation will take place with Carterton, Chipping Norton and Witney town councils, along with Marriotts Walk and Woolgate shopping centres.

I. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

1.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

2.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. **RISK ASSESSMENT**

3.1. Having no public open space CCTV would mean our duties under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 may not be met and could also lead to an increase in crime or fear of it.

3.2. If privacy impact assessments are not completed for any new camera locations, there is a risk the CCTV commissioner's code would be breached.

4. **EQUALITIES IMPACT**

4.1. The report raises no specific implications for any particular group or individual. The addition of cameras to Chipping Norton should bring a positive impact to public safety and a reduction in crime.

5. **CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. There are no specific implications arising directly from this report.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1. No background papers have been identified.

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