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Date: 2 August 2016

Title: CCTV Agreement

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## **Purpose of Report**

1. To approve a one year extension, with a further one year extension option to the existing CCTV agreement.

# **Background**

- 2. The CCTV Agreement between Thame Town Council and South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) ran until 31 March 2016. SODC have proposed that this Agreement is extended for 1 year until they are in a position to negotiate with each town a new ten year contract.
- 3. Thames Valley Police (TVP) is currently undertaking a strategic review of CCTV. This has not yet reached a conclusion, so in view of this situation at the CCTV management meeting held on 3 November 2015, the group agreed to extend contracts in the short term for a further one to two years.
- 4. All CCTV cameras are fully operational with funding for a new system being progressed for Thame and Wallingford by SODC.
- 5. The CCTV Working Group will report back to this Committee once definitive information has been received from TVP/SODC to enable an informed review to be undertaken regarding entering into a new ten year contract.
- 6. If any Councillor would like to visit the CCTV monitoring suite at Abingdon, this can be arranged once numbers are known.

### **Resource Appraisal**

7. Below is the list of charges - \* included Waitrose Camera (16) which was removed in 2010/11

|                 | 2006/7     | 2007/8     | 2008/9     | 2009/10  | 2010/11 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Annual<br>Costs | £16,006    | £17,574    | £17,051    | £15,236  | £12,892 |
| Cost per Camera | *£1,000.38 | *£1,098.38 | *£1,065.69 | *£952.25 | £859.47 |
|                 |            |            |            |          |         |
|                 | 2011/12    | 2012/13    | 2013/14    | 2014/15  | 2015/16 |
| Annual Costs    | £11,490    | £11,318    | £11,551    | £11,341  | £11,905 |
| Cost per Camera | £766       | £754.53    | £770.07    | £756.07  | £793.67 |

- 8. The budget for 2016/17 is £13,000. Estimate cost figures from SODC for 2016/17 are in the region of £11,830, however this figure will not be confirmed until February 2017.
- 9. SODC have secured growth bid funding to cover the reduction in the TVP contributions towards CCTV staff costs. The Town Councils will not be impacted by any financial arrangements at this time.

#### **Risk Assessment**

10. The proposed extended 2017 CCTV agreement has an option to extend a further year until 31 March 2018, subject to agreement by both SODC and Thame Town Council.

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11. There is a risk that if the Town Council did not continue to fund a third of the revenue operating costs the cameras could be decommissioned by SODC. The benefits of having the CCTV cameras operating in Thame versus no cameras would need a more considered assessment of risk.

Legal Powers: Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31

### Recommendation:

i) That the Committee approve the CCTV Agreement one year extension with a further one year extension option with South Oxfordshire District Council.