

## Community Services Committee

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Policing Priorities and Thame Shop watch</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>10 September 2024</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

### Purpose of the Report

1. To consider part funding the installation of a store net radio system for Thame in the CCTV operations suite for a Thame Shop Watch scheme to be launched.

### Background

2. The Chairman of the Community Services Committee, Councillors and Community Services Manager met with the Thame Neighbourhood Sergeant and PCSO in July to discuss policing priorities for the next three months for Thame.
  - Anti-Social Behaviour
  - Violence against women/girls
  - Engagement of under 30's
  - Retail Crime
3. There are issues in Thame regarding retail crime, with the PCSO and Community Services Manager working together to re-introduce a Thame Shop Watch scheme with the added advantage of having the shops signing up to have store radios that are linked to the Abingdon CCTV Suite.
4. Costs to connect the radio links from Thame to Abingdon are £3,850, which includes Radio Licences, router, software, monitor and installation.
5. The South Oxfordshire District Council's, (SODC) Community Safety Team have confirmed that the CCTV Partnership/Hub project have given approval, as the radio link would be migrated across when the new CCTV Hub is established. They have also stated that SODC should be able to cover the monthly revenue costs for hiring the radios from the company.
6. Our Neighbourhood Sergeant is in a position to apply to the Police and Crime Commissioner for help with the funding for the Thame Shop Watch requirements. The funding bid application will be increased if community partners are able to allocate some funding towards the project.
7. Once the link connection is in place, the Neighbourhood PCSO and Community Services Manager will promote the Thame Shop Watch Scheme and administer meetings at the Town Hall.
8. The next Policing Priorities quarterly update meeting with the Thame Neighbourhood Policing Team is scheduled on the 9 October 2024.

### Proposal

9. It is proposed that Thame Town Council consider providing financial support of £1,000 towards the total £3,850 costs from the 2024/25 CCTV budget.

### Legal Powers:

- Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31 – Crime prevention
- Localism Act 2011, ss. 1-8

### Recommendation:

#### ***The Committee is asked:***

- i) To **approve** the expenditure of £1,000 from the CCTV Budget to fund the Thame Shop Watch radio system link, subject to a successful bid for the project by Thames Valley Police and South Oxfordshire District Council Community Safety Team.*