

	FULL COUNCIL
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To confirm a decision to spend remaining unallocated surplus on more CCTV

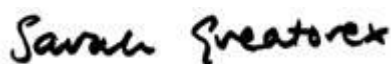
The Safer Streets project is presenting lots of challenges and extra work, but what is happening will be very good for Halstead in the long run. There is a matter arising from the Safer Streets project which needed to be looked at before the March meeting.

The Clerk has been working for some time with our CCTV contractor on the CCTV planned for Chapel Street and Rosemary Lane carparks. The Rosemary Lane CCTV will be operated in the same way as the Butler Road CCTV, through a connection operating out of the Empire Theatre. In order to achieve the high specification expected by the Home Office, the Butler Road equipment will need to be upgraded as well.

In spite of the additional cost to upgrade Butler Road, the amount allocated for CCTV in the project would not be reached through the works to be done at these 3 sites. The possibility has therefore been explored with the BDC project manager, and with the CCTV supplier, of adding further CCTV to increase the safety of the town, and to tackle areas where there is frequently antisocial behaviour. The project has agreed that quotes should be sought for CCTV in King's Road outside the public toilets, and in the Causeway, near the Community Fridge site, using the Royal British Legion building to house equipment.

The project manager had thought that it might be possible to apply for further costs to cover any slight overspend for these additional cameras, but has now said that there is not time to do this within the project time framework. However, the overspend to achieve this additional level of security is £2598.01. Even if this is added to the £1k promised to RBL (who are likely to accept it), the total needed is £3598.01. The amount left unspent in unallocated surplus is £4082.63, and it is recommended that we put it to this very worthwhile use. The total costs include maintenance for the first year, and future maintenance costs can be included in the budget 25/26, a total of not more than £1500.

Recommendation: that HTC approves the expenditure of £3598.01 on the Safer Streets project, taken from the unallocated surplus of the financial year 22/23.



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