

Committee	Full Council
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To consider repositioning the CCTV cameras at the public toilets

The company which installed the cameras carried out a couple of site visits to assess the best way to address the concerns raised about the current camera setup, while still maintaining the excellent coverage the system provides.

Their preferred solution would involve relocating the two camera columns to either side of the property, fixing them directly to the side walls. However, this would require access to the fenced-off electrical substation area adjacent to the site.

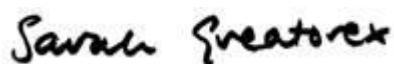
If access to this area is not possible, they would look at mounting both cameras on a single pole positioned to the right-hand side of the building. Please note, this option may result in some blind spots. To compensate for this, they could install an additional turret camera on the central apex of the building to ensure full coverage.

They estimate that either option would take approximately one full day to complete, with a maximum cost of £1,000 + VAT. If a third camera is required to eliminate any blind spots, there would be an additional cost of approximately £450 + VAT.

Once the poles are repositioned, they could be re-painted green, as they would no longer present a potential obstruction.

At present it is possible to see that members of the public are entering or exiting from the toilets, but not more than that, and it is unlikely that we could ever get evidence to be used, for example, in action against criminal damage. Therefore, it would appear that there is no particular need for the third camera.

Recommendation: that HTC approves the repositioning of the current 2 cameras on the pole set back from the pavement, and the repainting of the pole green, using earmarked reserves set aside for property maintenance.



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