

Report of: THE TRANSPORT & PARKING BUSINESS MANAGER

To: Executive Board

Date: 16th July 2007

Item No:

Title of Report : Seacourt Park and Ride – CCTV System.



Summary and Recommendations



Purpose of report: To request finance to provide a new CCTV system at the Seacourt park and ride car park.



Key decision: Yes

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Jean Fooks

Scrutiny Responsibility: Finance Scrutiny Committee



Board(s) affected: All

Report Approved by:



Councillor Fooks – portfolio holder

Jeremy Franklin – Legal and Democratic Services



Christopher Kaye – Financial Services



Policy Framework: Improving transport and mobility and maintaining financial stability.



Recommendation(s):



1. To release £40,000 from the ring-fenced park and ride security account to provide the funding for the new CCTV system at Seacourt park and ride car park.



That Council be **RECOMMENDED** to approve a change to the Budget Framework by way of a £40,000 virement from the earmarked car parks reserve on the Balance Sheet to the Transport and Parking Business Unit General Fund.



SUMMARY

- 1 This report requests the release of £40,000 from the park and ride security account to fund the purchase of a new CCTV system at Seacourt park and ride.

COUNCIL'S VISION

- 2 The proposal supports the Council's vision by Improving Transport and Mobility.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The CCTV system at Seacourt park and ride needs to be upgraded in order to be able to be transmitted to the CCTV suite at St Aldates Police Station, this was one of the additional security measures that was discussed during the negotiations during the recent park and ride dispute over lone working.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4 Security staff were introduced at Seacourt Park and Ride in 1998. They were introduced against a background of a high incidence of vehicle crime taking place in the Council's park and ride car parks. In order to fund the provision of security, a parking charge was introduced through a pay and display system. When the Council decided to introduce a permanent system of charging its main objective was to generate funds for security related improvements in order that the park and ride would remain an attractive alternative to the car for travel into the city centre. This decision effectively ring-fenced the income from these charges.
- 5 Any financial surpluses resulting from the difference between the parking income and staffing costs have been held in the ring-fenced account, which has accrued the sum of £147,681. It is proposed that the required sum of £40,000 should be met from this account.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6 Executive Board is recommended to agree:
 - To release £40,000 from the ring-fenced security account to provide the CCTV system at Redbridge park and ride
 - that Council be recommended to approve a change to the Budget Framework by way of a £40,000 virement from the earmarked car parks reserve on the Balance Sheet to the Transport and Parking Business Unit General Fund.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

7 There are no staffing implications as a result of this report.

Background Papers: none

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