

#### 4. SURVEILLANCE CAMERA

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The purpose of this report is to present further information as requested concerning the purchase of a surveillance camera.

Board members will recall Vaughan Penney, Traffic Systems Technician, City Streets Unit, attending a Board meeting in February 2002 to discuss the issues surrounding the purchase and use of a surveillance camera for the Spreydon/Heathcote area.

The following was noted from this meeting:

1. It is acceptable to video anything you like; the Courts will accept it as proof. What you do with the tapes is the problem.
2. If a surveillance camera was to be operated in-house, the task would have to be delegated to a person and their job description re-written. Monitoring and maintenance could be very time-consuming. This officer would have to approach members of the public for permission to site the camera in their properties.
3. There are certain places cameras cannot be sited, eg toilets and changing rooms. However, streets, parks, public places are all acceptable.
4. The Council's traffic cameras are not used as enforcement, just as a tool for management of traffic, eg if traffic is banked up as the result of an accident staff can manipulate the traffic lights to reduce the backlog.
5. It has been suggested that the Community Board purchase a surveillance camera at a total cost of about \$5,000 and gift it to the Police Community Constable to use and maintain.

The Operations Officer, Corporate Services, Stores, who is responsible for Council security concerns, advises that in the near future a consultant is to be engaged for the purpose of formulating a Security Strategy for the Council. The end result will be a set of Council-wide standards on security.

Following the meeting in February, discussions have been held with the local community constables concerning the need for and usage of a surveillance camera. The local community constables would be happy to accept the donation of a surveillance camera and equipment. The camera would be used at the discretion of the local Police. The Police would also be in charge of placement, setting up, monitoring and maintenance of any equipment. The Community Constables will be in attendance at the Board meeting.

It should be noted that this type of work does not form part of any Council staff job descriptions.

#### FUNDING

At its meeting on 2 April 2002, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approved a grant of \$5,000 from 2001/02 Discretionary Funds, subject to receipt of a report on issues such as monitoring, maintenance and privacy matters.

The attached letter from ECL Security provides a quotation for a surveillance system. The total project cost is \$5,323.00. A lens is not included in this price. There is a lens available from the City Streets Unit at no cost.

**Recommendation:** That the Board allocate \$5,000 from its 2001/02 Discretionary Funds to purchase surveillance equipment and gift it to the local Community Constables to operate in the Spreydon/Heathcote wards and maintain.

#### Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
1. That the officer's recommendation be adopted.
  2. That the Community Constable be asked to provide a quarterly report on its use.