

8. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) CAMERA INSTALLATION ON ILAM ROAD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek a decision on the provision and funding of a Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) camera on Ilam Road, to connect to the University of Canterbury's (the University) CCTV system.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A recommendation was made to the Regulatory & Planning Committee by the Alcohol Policy and Liquor Control Bylaw Sub-Committee on 5 August 2010, recommending that "Council investigates further the provision of additional CCTV cameras for Ilam Road to link into the University Security System and in the first instance, the request for funding for CCTV cameras".
3. The Council currently has a network of crime prevention cameras in and around the central city area. The scope and requirements for this request fall outside the Council guidelines for funding from this budget. There are also technical issues around the setup and on-going costs of connecting this camera to the existing crime prevention camera system.
4. Council staff approached the University, who agreed in principle to the connection of this camera to their system, provided it was understood that there would be times when the University security staff may not be observing the camera. This will mean periods where the camera will not be observed. The University also required that any installation work would be done by their current CCTV contractor.
5. Following site inspections and monitoring, staff and the University considered that the most effective location for this camera would be beside the bus stop on Ilam Rd, near the Maori Studies block. To obtain maximum benefit, the security staff would need to be able to move the camera view remotely by joystick control. This would allow better observation of activities being undertaken.
6. Staff approached the University's CCTV contractor, and obtained a price for the supply and installation of this camera. The price includes five years routine maintenance to test the operation of the camera, and keep it clean.
7. There are no privacy issues with this camera, as there are no domestic residences located nearby.
8. Staff in both the Traffic Systems and Safer Christchurch teams do not see how the installation of a CCTV camera on Ilam Road will lead to a reduction in alcohol related activities through Ilam. Undesirable activities may stop in the area around the camera, but these activities will only relocate elsewhere, possibly closer to residential properties.
9. The University will use their on-site security staff to observe this camera along with the other cameras they have installed around the campus. If an incident occurs anywhere on campus, the security staff will vacate the CCTV room to attend the event. This will produce periods of time where the camera activity will not be observed, reducing the effectiveness of it.
10. If an incident occurs and is observed by the University security staff, they are not able to arrest or apprehend the offender. The best they can do is ask the offender to "move along", or call the Police. There is no guarantee the Police will be able to attend.

11. In addition to the installation and initial maintenance period, there will be additional on-going costs involved with keeping this camera operating. Staff are concerned that the installation of this camera could create a precedent which the Council will not be able to fulfil elsewhere.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. The estimated cost of this proposal is \$15,000.
13. There will be ongoing service and maintenance costs after the initial five year contract.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

14. There is no appropriate budget for this camera within the LTCCP. The installation of this camera will therefore need to be funded from the Community Board Discretionary Response Fund.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

15. Subject to the Local Government Act 1974 and 2002.
16. There are no legal implications to the installation of a CCTV camera at this location.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

17. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

18. No specific alignment with the Streets and Transport activities.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

19. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

20. The request for a crime prevention camera to be used in the manner proposed does not align with Council Strategies.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

21. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

22. No consultation with any other parties besides the University has been undertaken on this proposal.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board does not allocate funding from the Riccarton/Wigram Discretionary Response Fund to install a camera as recommended to the Regulatory and Planning Committee by the Alcohol Policy and Liquor Control Bylaw Sub-Committee in Ilam Road.