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CCTV ST KILDA FORESHORE

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request Council to consider allocating resources for the project management and maintenance components of the installation of CCTV at the St Kilda Foreshore.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The requirements of the Victorian Government grant to install CCTV on the St Kilda Foreshore are inconsistent with the Council resolution of 16 May 2018 with regard to meeting the financial costs of project management and maintenance.
- 2.2 In order to accept the grant and progress the installation of CCTV on St Kilda Foreshore this difference needs to be resolved.
- 2.3 The installation of CCTV on St Kilda Foreshore will provide situational awareness directly to Victoria Police in a key location identified as a crowded space and an area susceptible to spontaneous gatherings.

3. RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 3.1 Dedicate resources for project management and commits to the maintenance of the system to meet the requirement of the grant endorsed by Council on 16 May 2018 for \$132,000 from the Victorian Government to fund the design and installation of CCTV on the St Kilda Foreshore.



4. KEY POINTS/ISSUES

- 4.1 The Department of Justice have provided Council with written notification that a requirement of the CCTV on St Kilda Foreshore grant is that Council perform the functions of project management and commit to the maintenance of the system after installation.
- 4.2 This requirement differs from the Council resolution (16 May 2018), that: Council Accepts the Victorian Government offer to fund the design and installation of CCTV on the St Kilda Foreshore to the extent that Government funding will allow, conditional on the Victorian Government meeting the full infrastructure planning, purchase project management, operating and installation costs of the system.
- 4.3 Council has received advice from professional external consultants detailing the possible specifications possible with the Victorian government funding. It will be possible to install CCTV in key locations of the St Kilda Foreshore as an extension to the existing system streamed directly to the St Kilda Police Station. The expected camera coverage includes the entrance to the St Kilda Pier and nearby beach, St Kilda beach and lawn, the area surrounding the Catani Arch and the area of Marine Parade and beach area near Brookes Jetty. Final confirmation of coverage will be possible throughout the tender process.
- 4.4 This Victorian Government funding, together with Council project management and ongoing maintenance will enable CCTV coverage for key locations of the St Kilda Foreshore in a system providing situational awareness in a key location for which there have been large crowd gatherings and spontaneous gatherings.
- 4.5 The CCTV system on the St Kilda Foreshore responds to Council's responsibilities given the identification of the foreshore as a 'crowded space' under the Australia-New Zealand Counter Terrorism Committee's report 'Australia's Strategy for Protecting Crowded Places from Terrorism'.
- 4.6 Whilst previous practice has included Victoria Police using temporary CCTV during some months of the year, Victoria Police can only erect cameras when resources allow. The installation of council owned system will provide consistent situational awareness of this key location of the St Kilda Foreshore.
- 4.7 The rights of our community are clearer with Council owned and installed cameras with regard to community knowledge of the surveillance and the provision of access to video through approved processes.
- 4.8 CCTV provides situational awareness directly to Victoria Police as our key partner in reducing and responding to risk and supporting community safety.



5. CONSULTATION AND STAKEHOLDERS

- 5.1 The Council decision to accept the grant to establish CCTV on the St Kilda Foreshore included considerable consultation and stakeholder submission to Council.
- 5.2 Victoria Police have provided Council and the Department of Justice a letter of support that details the commitment of Victoria Police to monitor the CCTV on St Kilda Foreshore within the parameters of the existing Memorandum of Understanding.

6. LEGAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Port Phillip City Council have an existing Memorandum of Understanding with Victoria Police that stipulates the legal requirements regarding the storage, use and access to data captured by CCTV.

7. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 7.1 The scoping and planning for CCTV on the St Kilda Foreshore is already provided for by the existing grant from the Victorian Government in full.
- 7.2 \$132,000 for the planning and installation of CCTV on the St Kilda Foreshore has already been endorsed by Port Phillip City Council.
- 7.3 Council notes the requirements to project manage the installation of CCTV on the St Kilda Foreshore as well as the ongoing maintenance of this system. The estimated project management costs are \$12,000. This cost will be met by Port Phillip City Council within the existing Council budget. Maintenance costs are estimated to be \$12,000 over six years.

8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 8.1 The digital system, installed primarily on existing infrastructure, has limited environmental impact.

9. COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 9.1 At the Council meetings in March 2018 and May 2018 several community members and traders have made submission to Council expressing support for the installation of CCTV in the City of Port Phillip.
- 9.2 The community impact of City of Port Phillip installation of CCTV has been carefully considered through the development of the existing systems including Fitzroy Street CCTV Trial and the Little Grey CCTV system. Security and access to information provisions are detailed in the existing Memorandum of Understanding between Council and Victoria Police.



10. ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICY

- 10.1 The City of Port Phillip Health and Wellbeing Strategy set out in the City of Port Phillip Council Plan 2017-27 guides Council's response to supporting community health and wellbeing. This strategy aims for an 'active, safe and inclusive community where all people are able to connect and access the places, activities and services required to support health and wellbeing'.
- 10.2 Safety including crime, alcohol, illicit and pharmaceutical drugs and family violence is a key priority for the City of Port Phillip. Improvements to public safety on the St Kilda Foreshore will assist Council to achieve its vision of 'we are beautiful, liveable, caring, inviting, bold and real' by influencing a positive environment where people can safely enjoy the foreshore and its' surrounds.
- 10.3 Supporting the CCTV project reinforces the strategic directions of the City of Port Phillip Creative and Prosperous City Strategy 2017-27, it also contributes to the economic development on the St Kilda foreshore. This strategy aims to fulfil a creative and prosperous environment, with the outcomes of a city with dynamic and distinctive places and a prosperous city that connects and grows business.
- 10.4 In March 2018 Council committed to the development of a City of Port Phillip CCTV policy. This policy will be complete, and community views considered early 2019.

11. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

11.1 TIMELINE

- 11.1.1 It is envisaged that the installation of CCTV St Kilda Foreshore can be achieved by the end of December 2018.

11.2 COMMUNICATION

- 11.2.1 The clarification of meeting the requirements of the grant will be communicated with the Department of Justice to ensure that the installation of the CCTV system along the St Kilda Foreshore is not delayed.
- 11.2.2 A key message for our community is that CCTV provides situational awareness directly to Victoria Police with regard to crowded spaces and locations with potential for spontaneous gatherings.
- 11.2.3 The development of a City of Port Phillip CCTV Policy will include community consultation and communications.

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL 1 AUGUST 2018



12. OFFICER DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST

12.1 No officers involved in the preparation of this report have any direct or indirect interest in the matter.

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