

Meeting: Council

Date: 29 November 2023

From: Councillor Harrison

To: Councillor Jefferies, Executive Member for Culture, Delivery and Public Protection

Question:

Following the agreed motion of the Council on 12 July 2023, when the Executive was called on to consider additional CCTV cameras to detect and deter fly tipping in the Borough, how many new CCTV cameras has the Council acquired for this purpose?

Answer:

I thank Cllr Harrison for the question.

The council's Officers in the Public Protection Partnership, continue to successfully target Envirocrime, including flytipping. When last the issue was presented to council, there was broad agreement that the service has been effective in this area of work using their "intelligence led" approach . This success is based upon using CCTV as part of their approach, in addressing antisocial behaviour. Therefore there has been no call from the service to ask for additional CCTV cameras to meet their objectives, so none have been purchased.

The relevant section of the motion calls on the Executive to commit to a "...review of the most effective use of the funds available due to any budget underspend in 2023/24, with specific consideration of whether additional CCTV cameras to tackle fly tipping represents value for money for residents".

I remain committed to doing this review when the financial outturn of the council is known at the end of the financial year.