

OFFICERS' REPORT

THE USE OF CCTV IN MONASH

Submitting Councillor: Cr Saloumi

MOTION

That Council develop policies on the use of CCTV in Monash.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

The proposal would be accommodated within the current budget.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

The development of the policies would be undertaken within existing workloads.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

Community Safety Framework 2015 -2020

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

In 2014, Council engaged MGN Consultancy to prepare a discussion paper on 'Community Safety and CCTV Options' (see attachment 1). This discussion paper was presented to Council at a Strategy Meeting (with a Briefing Paper, see attachment 2) on 11 February 2014.

The Briefing Paper discussed the development of a Community Safety Plan and recruitment of a Community Safety Officer. Both these aims have now been achieved. The Briefing Paper also stated that CCTV is a valuable tool, but needs to be included in an integrated and comprehensive system of responses.

Currently Council does not have CCTV systems installed in public spaces for use by Victoria Police.

There are currently 18 Corporate CCTV systems installed in and around Council facilities for use by Council staff. The systems are diverse and wide ranging in their capability and sophistication and are predominately for security purposes. Council is currently developing CCTV Operating Policy & Procedures to provide strategic direction and operational uniformity in the use of visual surveillance.