

CSCPAC Sub-committee - Further consideration of the Wattle Grove Cell 9 Feasibility study recommendations.



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Executive Summary

- This presentation is an overview of the report to Council regarding the Wattle Grove Cell 9 Feasibility Study and City recommendations.
- The feasibility study was presented at the CSCPAC on 10 February 2021.
- CSCPAC resolved to form a sub-committee to further address and discuss the security measures within the report.
- CSCPAC also requested additional information and cost estimates around installing CCTV on Community safety vehicles.



CCTV - Traditional

A review into the placement of **traditional CCTV** assets, was not considered a viable option. The reasons being;

- Insufficient value when addressing a cost benefit analysis of standard / traditional CCTV cameras.
- Minimal return on significant investment.
- High ongoing maintenance costs.
- Limited potential for criminal evidence value.
- Higher City and Police resourcing costs to manage, obtain footage and check/maintain system.
- Vast majority of movement is vehicular.

Preliminary Review:

The City agrees with the consultant that the placement of traditional CCTV within Wattle Grove Cell 9 is not a cost effective or viable solution to reduce crime within the area, and therefore recommends that it is not considered.



CCTV - Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)

- ANPR is considered a feasible option from a crime prevention perspective.
- WA Police may consider these sites suitable for the ANPR Mesh system.
- High upfront cost if you install the cameras required by WA Police which are approximately \$20,000 per camera.

Preliminary Review:

This technology is exciting, however, significantly benefits the Police and State Government and is not a core function of Local Government. It is therefore recommended that ANPR cameras be considered for future grant funding opportunities rather than being funded directly by the City.



CCTV Subsidy Scheme

- These schemes assist private residences, businesses and community groups to install CCTV on their premises to address crime and safety through visual surveillance.
- Local Governments that are providing these schemes include the Town of Victoria Park, Town of Cambridge and City of Karratha.
- Victoria Park provide a total funding package of \$150,000 and provide a rebate of half the cost, up to \$750 per CCTV project. In 2017/18 the Town provided approximately \$80,000 in rebate funding to the community and in 2019/20 approximately \$66,000.
- Cambridge and Karratha offer similar subsidy schemes with rebates up to a maximum of \$500 per application.

Preliminary Review:

It is recommended that any possible scheme be funded through a grant from either the State or Federal government as opposed to municipal funding

Security Patrols

The recently adopted Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan 2020/25 has an action to investigate and report the possibility and financial impact of introducing a Security Patrol Service.

A review of neighbouring councils found:

- The Cities of Belmont and Canning have 24/7 patrol services.
- City of Swan has a security service just for the Vines.
- The Shire of Mundaring and City of Gosnells do not have a security patrol service.
- Initial costs estimated in the study suggested \$400,000 - \$450,000 per patrol vehicle.
- Preliminary costs obtained by the two private contractors used by Belmont and Swan indicate a cost of approximately \$519,000 - \$525,600. This is based on a 24 hour service. Should an after-hours service be provided then this cost would obviously be reduced. If a levy similar to the City of Canning was applied to the City of Kalamunda this would raise approximately \$1.34 million annually.

Security Patrols

Preliminary Review:

- **Following a review of the other Local Governments a security service may be of benefit to the City and compliment the existing Community Safety service that is being provided.**
- **It is recommended that CSCPAC continue to investigate and discuss the feasibility of introducing a security patrol service within the City of Kalamunda for reporting to Council.**

Physical security measures

- The study noted that along with the three main entry points into Wattle Grove cell 9 there was also informal entry points into the area.
- These include along the railway line managed by ARC Infrastructure and from Tonkin Hwy managed by Main Roads.





Physical security measures

Preliminary Review:

- 1. Advocate to ARC Infrastructure to improve security fencing along their transport corridor adjacent to Wattle Grove Cell 9**
- 2. Advocate to Main Roads to improve security fencing along their transport corridor being Tonkin Hwy as it abuts Wattle Grove Cell 9.**

Mobile CCTV fitted to Community Safety Fleet Vehicles and VMS units

- An action from the last meeting was to request additional information and cost estimates to be reported to CSCPAC and Council around installing CCTV on the community safety vehicles.
- Community Safety currently have 9 vehicles. In addition there are 4 x Electronic Variable Message System units.
- The fit-out includes, 4 x cameras installed in each vehicle to capture a 360 degree view around the vehicle to include a DVR that can store a minimum of 31 days of footage.
- VMS units to have a PTZ camera installed on the top of the mast that will provide a 360 degree view, 4G remote connection, 1 tamper camera to be installed within the lockable control box.
- The Community Safety vehicles and variable message trailer CCTV fit out has a financial impact of around \$75,000.

Preliminary Review:

The fit out of the vehicles and VMS trailers will significantly expand the City's CCTV network and enhance the eyes on the street campaign. CSCPAC endorse the fit out the vehicles and trailers with CCTV for recommendation to Council for consideration as part of the budget consideration process.

Note: Inclusion of Ranger and VMB CCTV as part of the budget is still the subject of the budget consideration process. The initiative needs to be reviewed in the context of the City's broader budget and other competing priorities. The City is currently working through the budget process.

Risk Management

Risk: Crime rates and or perceptions of crime within the community particularly within Wattle Grove continue to rise.

Consequence	Likelihood	Rating
Significant	Possible	High
Action/Strategy		
Continue to present strategies to the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee and Council with the aim to reduce crime and improve perceptions of safety within the community.		

Conclusion

- The presentation provides an overview and summary of the findings and recommendations from the study, CSCPAC and City recommendations.
- It is recommended that CSCPAC request Council to list the fitting out of the community safety fleet vehicles and variable message sign trailers with mobile CCTV for consideration in the upcoming budget process.
- Implementation and funding of the study's other recommendations be further considered by CSCPAC and this sub-committee and presented to Council as part of future budgeting processes.
- These initiatives will also be considered as part of any potential grant funding opportunity.

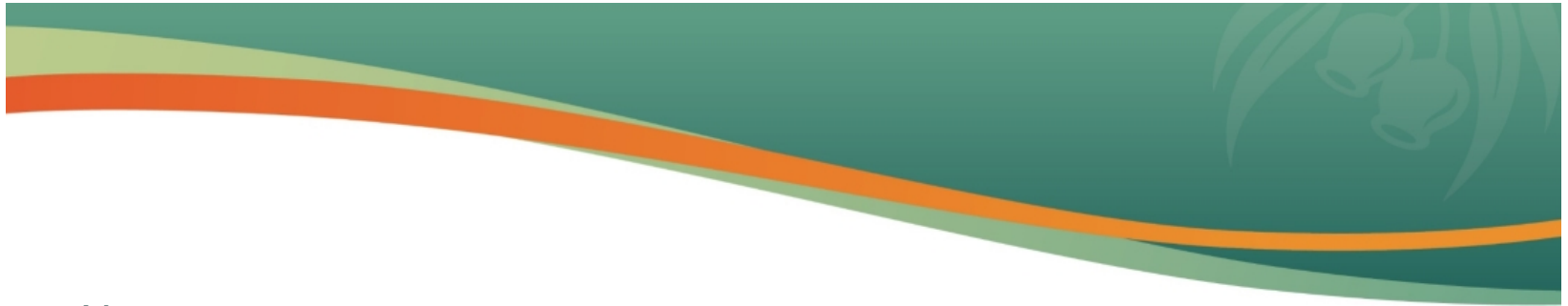


Preliminary CSCPAC Recommendation:

CSCPAC request that Council:

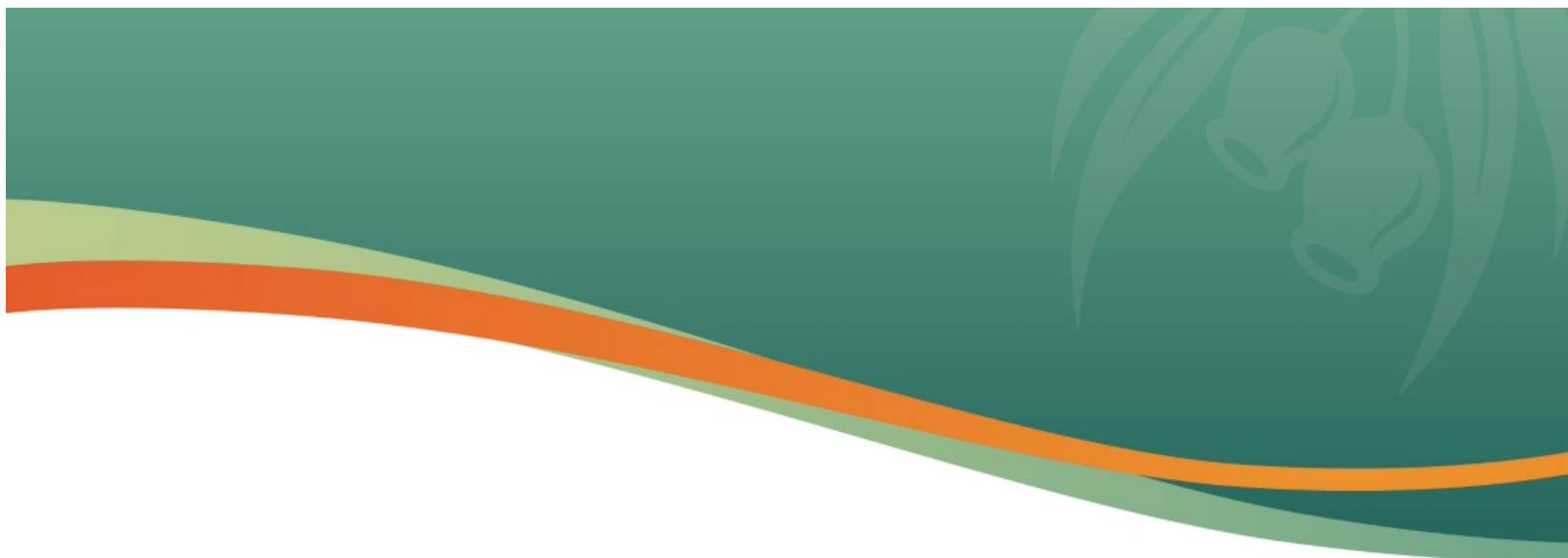
1. NOTE the findings of the Wattle Grove Cell 9 – CCTV feasibility Study (Attachment 1)
2. ENDORSE the recommendations and strategies for consideration by Council as part of future budget deliberations **and when potential grant funding opportunities arise.**
3. **ENDORSE the fitting out of the Community Safety Fleet vehicles and variable message sign trailers with mobile CCTV.**
4. **REQUEST that a capital budget item of approx. \$75,000 be listed as part of the 2021/22 budgeting consideration process.**

Note: BOLD sections are additions or refinements to the original CSCPAC recommendation.



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1. Inclusion of Ranger and VMB CCTV as part of the budget is still the subject of the budget consideration process.
2. The initiative needs to be reviewed in the context of the City's broader budget and other competing priorities.
3. As the budgeting process progresses, the initiative will be assessed by the City based on its benefits having regard to the budget position.



Questions?

