Appendix 2

BRIEFING NOTE - CHURCHILL PLAYING FIELDS

Purpose

To request funding from the District Partnership for the following Crime Reduction Project:

 Installation of a Sonitrol (Audio Activated Intruder Alarm) and CCTV system at Churchill changing rooms and Satellite Youth Centre.

A substantial amount of funding has been provided for the refurbishment of the Churchill changing rooms which was recently officially opened. It has been subject to criminal damage and more recently a high value burglary from the containers adjacent to the building which stores the grounds maintenance equipment. The building does not have an alarm system and is not monitored by CCTV.

Options

- Sonitrol (Audio Activated Intruder alarm) £ 4,206.00 (BT phone line would be required with broadband to link up with VIP Centre for audio)
- Wireless Conventional Alarm £ 2,882.00 (BT line required would notify VIP Centre of alarm activation but no audio)
- CCTV System £ 3,260.00 8 cams covering all elevations of building and containers (see attached plan)
- Upgrade Satellite Youth Centre CCTV System £1,247.00 (install a further 3 cams with 40m range to existing system to cover containers and part of changing rooms.

Stanley Security Solutions install and maintain the alarms and CCTV monitoring equipment within the council and have provided the above options to target harden the changing rooms and containers. In addition the grounds maintenance equipment and replacement plant equipment has and will be DNA forensic marked by the Community Safety Officer, signs indicating this are already displayed at intervals around the changing rooms and Youth Centre. This funding was made available from the Community Safety Officers crime reduction funding provided by the District Partnership.

Recommendations

The view is that the building must be alarmed and the CCTV a secondary option, if funding is available I would recommend both options. It would be a viable option to install a Sontirol (Audio Activated Alarm) and upgrade the existing CCTV system on the Youth Centre which would require three additional cameras with a 40m range.

Rationale: it would provide coverage of the car park at the Satellite Youth Centre which currently is not monitored; it would monitor part of the changing rooms and the containers.

The option of a CCTV system on the changing rooms is costly and due to the height of the building any cameras would have to be caged to prevent tampering or damage.

The improved security of the area will enhance the feeling of well being and quality of life, thereby reducing the fear of crime.

Preferred Option:

Sonitrol (Audio Activated Intruder alarm) - £ 4,206.00 - (BT phone line would be required with broadband to link up with VIP Centre for audio)

Upgrade Satellite Youth Centre CCTV System £1,247.00 – (install a further 3 cams with 40m range to existing system to cover containers and part of changing rooms.

Total Cost: £5,453.00

Plan

