

Clerks report October 2023

CCTV Rollout

The next 2 phases at 8 locations (40 cameras) on the seafront running from the lighthouse to the far side of the jubilee toilets will be completed early next year (Jan) the next phase Bitton park 5 locations (23 cameras) will follow (Feb)

We are looking at a variation to add the Regent St end of the triangles esplanade etc this would be added to the seafront phase.

The landward side of the Den and the Den end of the triangles is being quoted now and will follow directly on.

The further phases into the town are likely now to be held up due to the toilet impasse.

We have always planned to offer video exports of the sea areas to NCI, HM Coastguard and RNLI should they wish to take up this offer, discussions have started with NCI.

Budget

This has taken much officer effort and time since the extraordinary full council on 14/11 and due to the significant financial pressures on funds it was not possible to abide by the draft budget timeline set at the last finance meeting. It is now planned that after an extraordinary finance committee on 19/12 and an informal opportunity for councillors to scrutinise the draft on 02/01 it will come to full council for approval on 09/01.

It is worth noting that finances will be very tight throughout 2024/2025 and into 2025/2026 also officer capacity will be equally tight.