

TAUNTON DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE 11 JANUARY 2006

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY SERVICES MANAGER  
(This matter is the responsibility of Executive Councillor Hall)

SECURITY SYSTEM REPLACEMENT, DEANE HOUSE

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The existing door entry security system is now proving to be problematic. The installation is time expired, spare parts are becoming difficult to obtain and breakdowns are now fairly common. It is now considered essential to replace the existing system as soon as possible.

#### Purpose of Report

To obtain approval to purchase a suitable system so that installation can be achieved by the end of this financial year.

This may entail the placing of an order for the work with a specialist contractor without submitting the work to competitive tender. Negotiations are ongoing at the present time with the Council's current security system installation and maintenance contractor – Coomber Security Systems Ltd. This contractor is familiar with the Deane House, knows its officers and has provided good service to the Authority over many years.

#### Background Information

The existing security system was installed some 8 - 10 years ago. The technology is now old and incapable of further expansion and spare parts are now almost impossible to obtain due to various companies either going out of business or discontinuing their products.. It is no longer cost effective to keep the system functioning.

#### Current position

Coombers Security Systems Ltd have been asked to provide a solution and price. The proposal put forward is to supply identity cards that require a "show only" procedure to a reader for the car park and entry around the building, with a "swipe" facility required for time keeping purposes. It would appear to be too costly to replace the "time keeping" element of the system with a "show only" reader. As stated previously discussion is ongoing with Coomers . It is likely that the cost will be in the order of £17,000. If approved the work would be funded out of Unallocated Reserves. If an order is placed before the end of January 2006 the work would be completed by the end of this financial year.

Clearly if agreement cannot be reached with the proposed contractor then further prices will be sought - although this is considered to be unlikely. If this is the situation the work may not be completed in this financial year.

A Mini Par is attached.

Recommendation

The Executive is requested to :-

- (a) approve the purchase of a new security system for the Deane House and Car Park; and
- (b) approve the appointment of Coomber Security Systems Ltd to purchase and install the system – funded from Unallocated Reserves.

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PAR Requirement for Security System Replacement, Deane House

System replacement £17,000

The existing system is now proving problematic. With the installation now obsolete, procurement of spare parts is becoming extremely difficult. Breakdown situations severely compromise the security of the building and these are occurring on a more regular basis.

A new system would link into the car-park barrier etc. System design is being investigated, to ensure the best available technology for our needs can be utilised.