

Motion from Cllr Peter Feacey

“Our residents’ surveys indicate that keeping our residents safe is by far their most important concern.

One of the most important mechanisms for delivering that service is the 24hr live coverage of our monitoring centre - helped enormously by the Safer Streets and digital radio initiatives.

In the past, this monitoring has literally saved lives.

In the current financial climate, it’s understandable that all sorts of unpalatable measures have to be investigated and perhaps implemented.

However, this council resolves that any reduction in service away from current 24hr live coverage of the monitoring centre (particularly to a “recording only” model) would be so impactful that it should only be considered as an absolute last resort.

And even then, any change, and all of its ramifications, should be clearly and transparently flagged up to all councillors.

Ideally, this council believes that a commitment should be made to keep the service in place at least for the duration of this council term up to the next election in 2027.”

In accordance with General Procedure Rule 13.15, the Motion will stand referred to the Cabinet and will not be able to be debated further at the meeting.