

**WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Planning & Environment Committee**

**Tracking Report**

**1. Introduction:**

- 1.1 This Council has previously raised the potential advantages for tracking devices on Parish Council vehicles/machines. The idea is to provide vehicle tracking on the fleet of Council vehicles to monitor location and speed. Initial research indicates that there appears to be some duplication between the companies, many of which seem to operate under the same umbrella.
- 1.2 The benefits of vehicle telematics for public sector organisations can be significant:
- vehicle tracking supports the management of risk, driver safety (including two-way communication), work planning and vehicle usage
  - better understanding of driver behaviour can help improve safety by identifying driver training needs
  - reduction in emissions through effective driver behaviour management, fuel consumption efficiency and future vehicle selection
  - aids whole life cost analysis and management by tracking servicing, maintenance and repair costs on vehicles
  - supports duty of care and regulatory compliance, for example, tracking drivers who drive for long periods of time
- 1.3 Having trackers / black boxes is unlikely to reduce the council's vehicle insurance premium. The plan would be to fit vehicles (7) and the mowers (5) and tractor (1) with the trackers. The vehicles would be installed with plug-ins but the preferred option for the mowers would be to install a hardwired device and some waterproof containers.

**2. Feedback shared by Haydon Wick PC:**

- 2.1 Within the last 12 months, Haydon Wick Parish Council have undertaken a similar exercise. Their findings were as follows:

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Option A</b>	<b>Free Trial? Notes.</b>
<b>RAM</b>	<b>36 month lease - Plug in (self-install) £131.88 + VAT per vehicle per year</b>	<b>YES - 30 days for 1 vehicle No activation costs but there is a £100.00 admin fee payable with the first invoice</b>
<b>QUARTIX</b>	<b>12 month lease - Plug In (self-install) £84 + VAT per vehicle per year</b>	<b>YES – 30 days for 1 vehicle</b>
<b>VERIZON</b>	<b>12 month lease - Plug In (self-install) £107.88 + VAT per vehicle per year</b>	<b>NO Partner of Allstar can link to systems £25.00 activation fee each device</b>
<b>TRACKM8</b>	<b>12 month lease - Plug In (self-install) £107.88 + VAT per vehicle per month</b>	<b>NO £25.00 activation fee each device</b>

Haydon Wick determined to select Quartix as their preferred provider.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The costs in table would need to be reprofiled and based on the number of vehicles/machines that the Parish Council wishes to have trackers and length of contract. If costs were similar to the lowest price above, and, fitted to all 13 vehicles specified in para. 1.2, the annual fee would be in the region of £1008.00 per tracker and totalling £13,104. This is not currently factored in the budget.

### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 That this Committee considers the advantages of vehicle telematics and determines a recommendation for future action.

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