

## Sustainability Group – Updated/further information.

### Background:

Winchester City Council recognises the important role that community & voluntary organisations have in delivering key services to the people and communities of the Winchester District. As such the Council's grant funding programme is aimed at supporting voluntary and not-for-profit groups and organisations in the District that can clearly demonstrate how their services and projects help deliver a cohesive, sustainable, resilient community.

The Winchester District small grant scheme is designed to provide small-scale, one-off grants of **up to £1,000** to local voluntary/not for profit groups and organisations. WCC has indicated that a thermal camera would fit the criteria should an application be made.

2023-2024 applications for these small grants have a closing date of 29 February 2024. It would seem a shame not to make use of the opportunity. However if any application should be made is for councillors to decide.

### Further information about the camera for which the Group would like to seek grant funding.

Littleton and Harestock Parish Councils have used the camera in question to good effect as it enables images to be downloaded directly on to householders' phones so they would keep that information for reference/action.

This camera does not require a volunteer to produce a written report and so this would leave our volunteers free to help those less technically minded with the survey. It would also put less pressure on volunteers

In the short time the opportunity of a survey was offered to local people last year there are already 26 households waiting for a survey. A second camera would enable these to be fulfilled with leeway for some further surveys to be carried out. Further publicity is likely to generate more interest too.

### The following is a repeat of the information from Clare Shorter which was forwarded to councillors previously

Sustainability group recommend that the parish acquires a second thermal imaging camera. The reasons are:

- Our climate is changing rapidly so we must reduce our carbon emissions. Carbon emissions from heating homes in Oliver's Battery are immense (see the CSE Impact tool on the parish website).
- Two TI cameras will allow more residents to survey their homes for heat loss this coming winter 2023/4 than using just one camera. The aim is to encourage residents to insulate their homes better and therefore save energy/ emissions and increase comfort.
- The current TI camera set up is more appropriate for volunteers from OB Sus to use with residents who are not familiar with mobile phone technology. Unfortunately it does not transfer the photos to the householder.

- The second camera will work with residents own mobile phones and will not require a volunteer to spend an evening helping. The householder will have the photos on his/her own phone and use them to locate improvements to the fabric of the house eg insulation.
- The second camera will be lent out as Harestock and Littleton Parish have recently done with no problems. In recent years many other local councils have lent out thermal cameras.
- The OB Sustainability group will manage loans, training, follow up etc.

The camera is "FLIR ONE Edge Pro". It costs £468.95 with no VAT or £562 including VAT.