CENTRAL SWINDON NORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Thermal Imaging Cameras

1. Recommendation for Full Council

Environment & Planning Committee is recommended to:

- **APPROVE** participation in the SSPC joint procurement scheme.
- **APPROVE** the purchase of two FLIR One Edge Pro thermal imaging cameras.
- **AUTHORISE** the Clerk to implement a library-based loan scheme using existing template documentation.
- **AUTHORISE** the Libraries & Digital Services Manager to contact SSPC to arrange staff training and implement administration system
- **AUTHORISE** the Clerk in April 2026 to allocate £676.00 to be met from the 600-5725 with likely underspend next year.

2. Report Details

Introduction

It is proposed that the council purchases two FLIR One Edge Pro thermal imaging cameras and makes them available for loan through local libraries.

The scheme would operate as follows:

- Cameras available to library card holders
- Loan period of 7 days from Pinetrees Community Centre library & Moredon/Rodbourne Cheney Library.
- Residents use the cameras to identify areas of heat loss in their homes.
- Supporting guidance and documentation provided.

Template documentation is already available, including staff instructions, user guides, loan agreements, and usage tips, meaning the scheme can be implemented quickly with minimal administrative burden. The Libraries & Digital Services Manager will implement the scheme alongside South Swindon Parish Council.

Costs
FLIR One Edge Pro thermal imaging cameras are priced as follows under the joint procurement:

- £338.04 per camera if 4 units purchased collectively
- £327.08 per camera if 10+ units purchased collectively (6% saving)

Estimated total cost for two cameras:
- Approximately £654–£676 depending on final bulk order size

There are no ongoing subscription costs.

Benefits
- Helps residents reduce heating costs
- Supports our environmental policy on climate and energy efficiency objectives
- Provides a new practical, visible bolt on service to our libraries.
- Low cost with high potential community impact.
- Proven demand based on other council schemes.

Risks
- Potential for minor loss or damage (mitigated through loan agreements)
- Staff time required to administer loans (expected to be minimal)

Timing
This should give sufficient time to allow residents to plan their own home mitigation for next Winter.