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# Security patrols on table

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POLICE and City of South Perth residents have supported a proposal for the City to investigate introducing security patrols.

Manning ward councillor Travis Burrows will move a motion at this month's council meeting for an investigation into the effectiveness and cost analysis of implementing security patrols within the City.

Cr Burrows said the initiative had not been considered for more than a decade and believed it should be explored.

"It was last considered in 1999 and based on the level of inquiries I have been receiving it is appropriate the issue be re-visited," he said.

"Melville and Belmont have had patrols for a number of years. We need a review to determine whether it would be private security or if we would give rangers more power, when and where they would patrol and how much people would be willing to pay."

Kensington Police Senior

Sergeant Andy Carson backed the idea and believed it assisted police.

"Security patrols have worked with a great deal of success in parts of WA," he said.

Manning Community Association president Steve Neates believed security initiatives would benefit the community but a thorough cost analysis would be needed.

However, South Perth Mayor James Best said the City believed there was "little merit" in patrols.

"The City has an active and effective Eyes on the Street campaign and holds regular community safety initiatives," he said.

"The City's most recent annual community satisfaction survey indicated that 70 per cent of residents are satisfied with security.

"There is no circumstantial evidence that security patrols in other local government areas have been directly responsible for any increase or reduction in crime rates."



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