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## Zooming in on illegal dumping in Shah Alam

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ILLEGAL dumping offenders, beware! There will be eyes on you as Shah Alam City Council (MBSA) intends to instal CCTV cameras at numerous hotspots.

MBSA revealed their plans to the councillors during their full board meeting yesterday, to set the project in motion.

The CCTV cameras will be placed at strategic locations to catch the perpetrators in action.

MBSA Corporate Communications head Shahrin Ahmad later told *StarMetro* that the idea was to use the video as evidence to charge the suspects in court.

"The Public Cleansing Department has identified several locations including one in Jalan Bukit Kemuning.

"The locations are hotspots that need constant monitoring," he elaborated.

He said although their contractors cleared the site immediately after a complaint was lodged, the culprits' lorries would make their way there again in the afternoon.

"We cannot station our enforcement officers there indefinitely, so these cameras will enable us to monitor the sites and not waste resources at the same time," he added.

The cameras will boost security and safety, to assist the council and the police to reduce crime rates.

MBSA has identified 17 locations to instal the CCTV cameras that will be solar or battery operated.

The footage will be monitored at the CCTV command centre in Wisma MBSA. The cameras will be put up this year.

During the full board meeting, councillor Tan Ah Kow suggested that the council create an easy coding system for trees on main roads to help people complain in the event of a fallen tree.

He said he had noticed that the trees in Kuala Kangsar had been marked by Ipoh City Council to help people identify trees when lodging complaints.

"It is hard to give a landmark for a fallen tree or a broken branch especially if it is a long street with-

out landmarks.

"If we can identify and mark the tree with a simple plastic covering, we will be able to process the complaints quicker," he added.

The idea was commended by Shah Alam mayor Datuk Ahmad Zaharin Mohd Saad, who agreed to look into Tan's suggestion.

Once again this month, the board meeting was not short on complaints regarding garden waste left by contractors.

Councillors highlighted that remnants of fallen trees or branches after a thunderstorm were left to rot where they fell, until a complaint was lodged.

The Public Cleansing Department and the Landscape Department said they would look into the matter.