



Berwick upon Tweed Town Council

Council

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Appendix D

Report of Town Clerk

Future uses of CCTV

Access Public

Background

1. Council owns and operates a network of CCTV cameras around the town centre, in addition to those traffic cameras operated at the railway station roundabout and the A1 by highways authorities.
2. Some of these cameras were taken over from NCC; others purchased more recently, and they operate either via:
 - a. A fibre optic network connecting them to the police station,
 - b. A wi-fi connection to the fibre optic network, and thence to the police station, and
 - c. As record only cameras from which images can be downloaded.
3. Advances in technology mean it is now possible:
 - a. For images from the cameras to be transmitted directly to police control rooms elsewhere in the Northumbria Force area, and
 - b. For images to be analyzed, including using ANPR technology, to provide information for traffic management, for footfall counting and to provide environmental data.
4. Additional uses of cameras, and additional data sharing or analysis, may require a review of the appropriate policies to ensure they are congruent with best practice.

Recommendation

1. That council delegate to the People and Communities Committee authority to review policies and the usage of CCTV footage, to authorize data sharing with relevant authorities, and to make recommendations to council as to additional uses of CCTV cameras.

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