Public Consultation - Privacy Impact Assessment Parking Enforcement Officers with Body Worn Video Cameras

The Highland Council will begin enforcing our On and Off Street parking restrictions throughout the Council from October 2016 and as part of the technical specification we are to equip Parking Enforcement Officers (PEO) with Body Worn Video Camera's.

Body Worn Video Cameras

Mounted on the chest, these devices capture video and audio. They are activated by the officer when an offence has occurred or in situations where a recording may assist with the PEO's safety. The data is encrypted and stored on the device (officers are not able to view or edit the footage) and transferred to a dedicated secure storage facility at the end of each shift where it remains for no more than 90 days, unless required for investigation, before being deleted.

Why are body worn video devices required?

Staff safety and professionalism is of utmost importance. Recording devices provide a factual record of events where such have been recorded and have been shown to support staff in difficult situations and ensure a positive outcome for all.

Consultation

Privacy by Design is a code of practice issued by the Information Commissioner under section 51 of the Data Protection Act and recommends that all services should be subject to a privacy impact assessment – which includes public consultation.

The Highland Council, wish to understand your views so they can be included in our privacy impact assessment.

The consultation is now open and runs to 27th of September 2016. A copy of this notice is available to members of the public on request. Please make your representations in writing.

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