

(x)Mr D Macpherson

To the Leader of the Council

‘Commitment to review the workings of all public CCTV under the executive powers or jurisdiction of Highland Council for Inverness and throughout the Highlands.

Can you please give a commitment that a full review will take place of the workings of all CCTV cameras and their recordings in Inverness and throughout other Highland towns to ensure that they are working correctly and are being maintained effectively, to give public confidence in preventing crime and helping Police Scotland Officers to solve crimes committed in these places.

And can you provide regular up-to-date information regarding the switch over from the obsolete analogue (black & white picture equipment), to the modern digital (colour picture equipment with zoom facilities), including those working and non-working of the CCTV cameras, to Elected Ward Members and can the review include the staffing levels and the times that the camera control rooms are being staffed and non-staffed in these locations, so that there can be no repeat of certain CCTV cameras being out of service with blackout spots for months and sometimes years on end, without local Ward Councillors being made aware of this concerning situation?’

I am happy to arrange for members to be provided with a briefing on CCTV cameras that are within the responsibility of the Council