



Horsham District Council Body Worn Cameras Consultation

February 2020

Horsham District Council would like to hear your views on a new trial of body worn cameras.

Horsham District Council wants to improve travel for everybody, whether pedestrians, cyclists, bus passengers, car or lorry drivers. Civil Enforcement Officers are vital to keep traffic flowing safely and the transport network at its most efficient for all motorists. To help manage traffic, including on and off Street parking restrictions.

Horsham District Council are preparing to launch Body Worn Video Cameras (BWVCs) for use by its civil enforcement officers (CEOs) across the District from spring 2020. The Council's CEOs enforce the parking restrictions on street and within the districts car parks.

Body Worn Video Cameras

Mounted on the chest or head these devices capture video and audio. They are activated by the officer when an offence has occurred or in situations where a recording may help improve 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 30 days, unless required for investigation, before being deleted.

Why are Body Worn Video Cameras required?

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

Horsham District Council wish to understand your views so they can be included in our privacy impact assessment.

Email your comments to: Parking@horsham.gov.uk

Following the trial, an evaluation will take place which will include how the equipment has worked for the officers, the impact on incidents of aggression and assaults as well as the results of the consultation.

Legislation and Statutory Guidance

The following legislation and guidance is applicable the use of BWVCs:

- General Data Protection Regulation. **(GDPR). Data Protection Act 2018**
- Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- Human Rights Act 1998.
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.
- Home Office *Surveillance Camera Code of Practice*.
- Information Commissioner's Office *In the Picture: A data protection code of practice for surveillance cameras and personal information*.

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