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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ02480

Thank you for your request for information relating to CCTV cameras.

Your request:

Q.1 How long will city council keep the recordings and video tapes of CCTV camera?

CCTV is kept for a maximum of 30 days and then it is automatically overwritten.

Q.2 What roles of CCTV camera has played in citizens' life?

Please see below.*

Q.3 When city council places camera, does city council take into consideration of citizens' privacy and opinions?

Before installing cameras we undertake Privacy Impact Assessments.

Q.4 Apart from staff of city council, who have access? In what situation, CCTV video tape can be played back for some reasons? Apart from reviewing crime scene and traffic accident, what else can CCTV video tape contributes to? Can you say a bit more about it?

The public can request CCTV footage if they have been involved in an accident. The Police can also make requests to obtain footage for criminal investigations.

Q.5 Have you seen some people making face/doing indecent behaviours in front of CCTV camera, how do you consider these people?

The Council captures a high volume of footage and if illegal activities were to occur this would be reported.

Q.6 Since you are also a citizen of Coventry, what do you think of deploying CCTV cameras (do you think it is annoyed or sometimes unnecessary).*

*In relation to questions 2 and 6, we are unable to answer these because they are opinion based and we are unable to provide opinions under the FOIA.

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Yours faithfully

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