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Dear Clive

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Thank you for your comments relating to the out of hours provision which you raised as part of the budget proposals for 2020/21. I said I would write to you with regards to clothing and equipment.

The council are currently trialling body worn CCTV with officers that undertake Enforcement roles and it is hoped that these will be rolled out across the service where appropriate shortly. I'm sure that you will appreciate that the use of this type of technology wouldn't be appropriate in all circumstances. However, it is envisaged that the roll out will include officers undertaking the out of hours function.

I am advised that the use of protective clothing will be driven by a risk assessment and officers in the service have advised that if there was a risk to such an extent, they would not support advising officers to go in without Police support. It is, therefore, unlikely that the risk assessment would recommend protective clothing and more likely would recommend contact be made with the Police before attempting to enter high risk properties, which would only be in a small number of cases.

I hope that the above information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Chris Read
Leader of Rotherham Council