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Councillor Tim Baum-Dixon
Elected Member

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Dear Councillor Baum-Dixon

Question submitted to Council – 30th November 2022

Thank you for the question you submitted to Council on 30th November as follows:

Wards are provided with mobile CCTV cameras that can be moved quickly at the request of ward members and the police to crime hotspots, to detect and deter criminal behaviour and give confidence to our communities. Is this current system working?

I can confirm that the system is working, and the Council has a mix of re-deployable CCTV systems and has continued to invest in CCTV for a number of years. As a result, the Council does have some older units installed in areas within the Borough however whenever the Council becomes aware of a fault the camera is either repaired or replaced where possible. Because of the investment we've made in recent years, ward cameras have recently undergone refurbishment so that the cameras can now be accessed remotely, so some of these cameras have been out of action while this upgrade process take place. However, where there has been an urgent need for a camera, we have made one available.

As you can imagine, when requests are received there can be challenges with connectivity, lines of sight etc but through engagement we are generally able to find a way to support the collation of evidence.

We have committed a further £250,000 investment within this year's budget to ensure we make best use of CCTV assets across the borough.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



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