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Dear Cllr Mills

**Supplementary question at Council Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

Further to your supplementary question at Council on 4<sup>th</sup> October regarding some Park Rangers recording instances on their phones which could create more attention, I can advise that staff in our parks have been working with a range of agencies including Community Protection (CPU) and the Police on a range of measures, including both prevention and enforcement. Staff are being reminded not to use their phones for recording incidents.

The use of body cameras by Rangers is being investigated, but they would not be suitable for use on all occasions (such as leading school groups or undertaking practical tasks), so a set of protocols would need to be developed if use of this equipment is to progress. Staff have also been consulted regarding the adoption of body worn CCTV and their feedback is being considered prior to any implementation.

We will continue to explore options, building on the learning within parks and other services to ensure consistency of approach.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion & Environment