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Dear Farah

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2021-113

Thank you for your email of 26 October 2021 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

"...about cameras which are on, or surveil outdoor public spaces.

1. *The location details (address, or latitude and longitude) of all cameras your organisation has which are on, or surveil outdoor public spaces. Could this please be supplied in a spreadsheet.*
2. *The purpose of the cameras - e.g. traffic flow/security/weather conditions*
3. *How long is footage is stored for?*
4. *Are the cameras capturing audio?*
5. *If so, roughly how many*
6. *Are any cameras capable of facial recognition?*
7. *If so, roughly how many, is this capability being used and what is it being used for*
8. *Are any cameras capable of license plate recognition?*
9. *If so, roughly how many, is this capability being used and what is it being used for.*
10. *Who are they monitored by? If they are monitored by an organisation other than yourselves, please name the organisation and supply details of the arrangement you have with them.*
11. *Do any other organisations have access to the cameras?*
12. *If so, please name the organisation, the reason they have access and what functionality the access gives them e.g. move cameras*
13. *Have other organisations requested footage in 2020 & 2021?*
14. *If so, please name the organisations and the reasons footage was requested*
15. *Have you supplied footage to any organisations?*
16. *If so, please name the organisations and the reasons the footage was supplied, and how many times it was supplied in 2020 & 2021*
17. *Are there cameras in public spaces your organisation owns/manages which are owned by organisations such as local business associations?*

18. If so, please list the organisations, and indicate what arrangements you have for who has access to the cameras/footage and how it is used."

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

Our response to your request is provided in the number order of your request below.

1. The location details (address, or latitude and longitude) of all cameras your organisation has which are on, or surveil outdoor public spaces. Could this please be supplied in a spreadsheet.

In the Central Business District (CDB), High Street, we have 5 cameras.

2. The purpose of the cameras - e.g. traffic flow/security/weather conditions

The Council has installed CCTV cameras in Council workplaces to deter crime and disorder, so employees and customers feel safe, and to reduce incidences of damage to, or loss of, Council assets.

3. How long is footage is stored for?

The CCTV footage is securely stored on site and retained for up to 3 months. It is automatically erased when the storage device reaches its full capacity, unless it is required for evidential purposes.

4. Are the cameras capturing audio?

No, the cameras do not capture audio.

5. If so, roughly how many

There are none because the cameras do not capture audio.

6. Are any cameras capable of facial recognition?

The new cameras are capable of facial recognition.

7. If so, roughly how many, is this capability being used and what is it being used for

There are 12 cameras that are capable of facial recognition. Currently, the cameras are not being used in this manner; however, are plans to progress this.

8. Are any cameras capable of license plate recognition?

All new cameras are capable of license plate recognition.

9. If so, roughly how many, is this capability being used and what is it being used for.

Currently, the cameras are not being used in this manner; however, there are plans to progress this.

10. Who are they monitored by? If they are monitored by an organisation other than yourselves, please name the organisation and supply details of the arrangement you have with them.

The Council are the only people who have direct access.

11. Do any other organisations have access to the cameras?

Alliance Security has access to the cameras. The Council is currently working with the New Zealand Police in having their own remote access to the CBD cameras.

12. If so, please name the organisation, the reason they have access and what functionality the access gives them e.g. move cameras

The Alliance's access is for maintenance and repair.

13. Have other organisations requested footage in 2020 & 2021?

Yes, the New Zealand police requested footage.

14. If so, please name the organisations and the reasons footage was requested

For a crime committed in the CDB.

15. Have you supplied footage to any organisations?

No, CDC have not supplied footage to any other organisations.

16. If so, please name the organisations and the reasons the footage was supplied, and how many times it was supplied in 2020 & 2021

In the past, the New Zealand Police were provided with direct access to the CCTV footage. The historical information would entail substantial research. The Council is currently in the plans to progress improvements in allowing future footage access to the New Zealand Police or any other organisations.

17. Are there cameras in public spaces your organisation owns/manages which are owned by organisations such as local business associations?

No, there are no cameras in public spaces that the Council owns or manages. The cameras in public spaces are owned by local business associations.

18. If so, please list the organisations, and indicate what arrangements you have for who has access to the cameras/footage and how it is used."

As the local business associations own their cameras, the Council does not have any arrangement to have access to the camera/footage and how it is used.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes OIA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. If you have further questions please feel free to contact our media team in the first instance at comms@cdc.govt.nz. If you are unsatisfied with my response, you have

the right to ask an Ombudsman to review it. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Hamilton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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