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Dear Sir/ Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ06487

Thank you for your request for information relating to CCTV cameras. Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Does the council use any CCTV cameras produced by Hikvision?

Yes, we can confirm that the council uses CCTV cameras produced by Hikvision.

2. Does the council use any other hardware produced by Hikvision?

Yes, the council uses other hardware produced by Hikvision.

3. Does the council use any equipment produced by Pyronix?

We can advise that we do not use any equipment produced by Pyronix.

4. If any hardware from either Hikvision or Pyronix is used, could you please tell me when they were installed?

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because we do not record or store this information.

5. If any hardware from either Hikvision or Pyronix is used, could you please tell me how many units are in use?

We can advise that there are three Hikvision cameras used as internal council cameras.

6. If any hardware from either Hikvision or Pyronix is used, could you please tell me where the cameras are located?

Coventry City Council publishes a list of their public cameras on their website and this is available to you via the following link:

<http://www.coventry.gov.uk/cctv>

We therefore do not have to provide this information as per Section 21 of the Act.

However, this does not include internal buildings. We can confirm that Coventry City Council holds the information you requested, however we are withholding that information since we consider that the following exemptions apply to it.

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 31(1)(a) – Law Enforcement. Disclosure of this information would be likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

Section 31(1)(a) is a qualified exemption, and therefore is subject to the Public Interest Test.

To use this exemption, we are required to undertake a public interest test. The matters which were considered in applying the public interest test are as follows:

For Disclosure:

- Confirmation of location of internal cameras would demonstrate a commitment to transparency with regard to the council's undertaking and could provide assurance that the council have robust CCTV infrastructure in place.

Against Disclosure:

- Maintaining the integrity and security of the council's CCTV systems.
- Revealing the information may assist criminal's insight into not only the strengths of the Council's CCTV/security, but also any potential weaknesses that may exist.
- This could ultimately result in future criminal activity.

On balance the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs that in disclosing this information, which is why Section 31 has been applied in this case.

7. If any hardware from either Hikvision or Pyronix is used, could you please describe the type of cameras in use (facial recognition, standard CCTV, ANPR)?

We can confirm that the type of hardware used is Standard CCTV.

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Yours faithfully

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