

CALDERDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION UNDER RULE 13 OF THE
COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Council Meeting: **Wednesday, 23 July 2025**

Question from: **Councillor Timbers**

Question to: **Councillor Durrans, Cabinet Member with
responsibility for Public Services and Communities**

In light of the on-going judicial review of the Metropolitan police, and the concerns of a number of charities and NGOs concerned about the use of AI in policing, how is AI and facial recognition technology and other AI policing tools used in Calderdale and how is the impact on ethnic minorities monitored and reported back to WYCA? What do we know about the impact on ethnic minority communities about the use of policing AI and its effect on the Peel principles of policing by consent.

Response

Calderdale Council does not use AI or facial recognition technology within its CCTV operation but it does not hold information about West Yorkshire Police's use of AI and facial recognition technology and as such is not able to respond on their behalf. Cllr Timbers may wish to contact Alison Lowe, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, at the Combined Authority, for a response on behalf of West Yorkshire Police.

NOTE: Questions under Rule 13 must be in writing and submitted to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services by noon the Friday before the Council Meeting.