

REPORT TO AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE



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PURPOSE

1. To provide members with an update of authorisations issued under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (“RIPA”).

RECOMMENDATION

2. To note the update on authorisations issued under RIPA.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To ensure the Council’s RIPA powers are operated lawfully.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. RIPA regulates the Council’s use of covert surveillance to prevent and detect criminal activity.
5. The Council is subject to regular inspection by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner’s Office (“IPCO”) to ensure that its policies and procedures are operated in a lawful manner.
6. One of the recommendations made by the IPCO was that a report on RIPA activity (or lack of it) be made periodically to elected members.
7. In 2022 there was no surveillance activity by the Council necessitating authorisation under RIPA.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

8. None

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

9. None

**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

10. None

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**FURTHER INFORMATION**  
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