

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act - OSC Inspection and Annual Return

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 Office of Surveillance Commissioners ("OSC") to ensure that its policies and procedures are operated in a lawful manner.
6. One of the recommendations made by the OSC was that reports on RIPA activity (or lack of it) be made periodically to elected members – details of activity in the financial year 2018/2019 are detailed below (paragraph 7)
7. There has been no surveillance activity necessitating authorisation under RIPA in the financial year 2018/2019.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

8. None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

9. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

10. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. OSC Inspection Report dated February 2017

FURTHER INFORMATION

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