

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. The details of activity in the financial year 2021-2022 are set out below.
7. There has been no surveillance activity necessitating authorisation under RIPA in the financial year 2021-2022.
8. Relevant Officers undertook an online RIPA workshop delivered by Act Now training on the 22nd April 2021.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

9. None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

10. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

11. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. None

FURTHER INFORMATION
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