

**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) UPDATE**

In the 2015/16 financial year there have been zero RIPA cases.

On 30 November 2015, Scrutiny asked for a RIPA progress report (based on the recommendations in the Office of Surveillance Commissioners report) to come back to Scrutiny Committee with the six monthly update.

The recommendations and actions are as follows;

Recommendation	Action/Comment
Amend central record of authorisations	Completed
Ensure future training addresses weaknesses set out in report	In progress. Extensive training has been carried out, most recently in May 2015. Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS) training is being organised to be provided to a small number of officers in July . The training need should however reflect that the Council rarely undertakes RIPA activities in recent years and having not authorised a RIPA in over 2 years.
Appoint a Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) and RIPA Co-ordinating Officer (RCO)	Completed. Amy Tregellas is SRO and Simon Johnson is RCO.
Raise RIPA awareness within the Council.	Completed - Awareness training has been undertaken by staff in relevant departments. Ongoing - general awareness articles to be included in the Link.
Amend the RIPA policy	Completed. Approved by Community Well Being (CWB) PDG and Cabinet in October 2015.
Ensure elected members have regular reports	Completed. Policy is scheduled to be reviewed annually and number of cases where RIPA is used is reported every 6 months (as above).