

**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)
RIPA Policy and procedures**

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Reason for Report: To review and make recommendation to Cabinet that they approve the Council's updated RIPA policy

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Cabinet approve the updated RIPA policy as attached as Appendix 1;
2. To note that the Council has not used its powers under RIPA since March 2014.

Relationship to Corporate Plan: To approve the RIPA policy on an annual basis is a requirement of being a well-managed Council.

Financial Implications: None

Legal Implications: As set out in the policy

Risk Assessment: None

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Council's RIPA policy was considered by a Surveillance Inspector of the Office of Surveillance Commissioners during an inspection in April 2015. The comments of the Surveillance Inspector were that the policy is 'a succinct and thorough guide which will be of assistance to applicants and authorising officers alike'.
- 1.2 The Office of Surveillance Commissioners has stated that it is good practice to review and update the RIPA Policy on an annual basis. Therefore the policy has been reviewed in light of the Office of Surveillance Commissioner's report and in accordance with good practice.

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