
**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
Bi-Annual Performance Report July 2018 – December 2018**

Report of the City Barrister and Head of Standards

1. Purpose of the Report

The report advises on the performance of The Council in authorising Regulatory Investigation Powers Act (RIPA) applications, from 1st July 2018 to 31st December 2018.

2. Summary

2.1 The Council applied for 2 Directed Surveillance Authorisations and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the period above.

3. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

3.1 Receive the Report and note its contents.

3.2 Make any recommendations or comments it sees fit either to the Executive or to the City Barrister and Head of Standards.

4 Report

4.1 The Council has applied for 2 Directed Surveillance Authorisations and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the first half of 2018.

4.2 The first authorisation (28061028) was undertaken by Corporate Investigations under The Fraud Act 2006 and The Prevention of Social Housing Fraud Act 2013, relating to the fraudulent sub-letting of a residential council property.

4.3 Evidence has been successfully collected. No further details can be given at present so as not to prejudice any proposed criminal prosecution.

4.4 The authorisation (29267330) was undertaken by Corporate Investigations under The Fraud Act 2006 and relates to the fraudulent use of a blue badge.

4.5 Evidence is still being collected and the case is still live. No further details can be given at present so as not to prejudice the investigation.

5. Financial, Legal Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, although the Council could incur legal costs should procedures not be correctly followed – Colin Sharpe (Head of Finance) ext. 37 4081.

5.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report, although the Council could incur legal costs should procedures not be correctly followed – Kamal Adatia (City Barrister and Head of Standards) ext. 37 1402.

6. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting Information
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Climate Change	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	Yes	HRA Article 8 must be considered for all applications
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Risk Management	No	

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