

**Audit and Risk Committee**

**17 March 2021**

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**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000  
Bi-Annual Performance Report July 2020 - December 2020**

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, and seeks any comments on the reviewed Surveillance Policy.

**2. Summary**

2.1 The Council applied for 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisation 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 comments on the reviewed Surveillance Policy (v0.9).

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 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisation and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the second half of 2020.

4.2 The Council's RIPA Monitoring Officer has submitted the annual statistical return to Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO) on time. The Council carried out 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisation and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in 2020 and submitted a nil return.

4.3 The Council's Surveillance Policy has been reviewed and is circulated for the consideration of committee members.

## 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 (Deputy Director 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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18<sup>th</sup> January 2021