

Audit and Risk Committee

20th July 2022

**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
Bi-Annual Performance Report January 2022 - June 2022**

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 January 2022 to 30th June 2022.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The Council applied for 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisation and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the period above.
- 2.2 The Council submitted its annual data to the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office in January 2022 on time.
- 2.3 The Council was inspected by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office in February 2022.

2 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 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisation and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the first half of 2021.
- 4.2 The Council submitted its annual data to the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office in January 2022 on time.
- 4.3 The Council was inspected by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO) in February 2022. The resulting inspection report is attached at Appendix

A. The inspection found that the Council has been found to be in a good place with the RIPA Monitoring Officer fully aware of her responsibilities.

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	

7. Report Author / Officer to contact:

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