
**Regulation of Investigatory
Powers Act 2000
Bi-Annual Performance Report
January 2024 - June 2024**

Governance and Audit Committee

Decision to be taken by:

Date of meeting: 7th August 2024

Lead director: Kamal Adatia

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: All
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1. Summary

1.1 The report advises on the performance of the Council in authorising Regulatory Investigation Powers Act (RIPA) applications from 1st January 2024 to 30th June 2024.

2. Recommended actions/decision

- 2.1 Receive the Report and note its contents.
- 2.2 Make any recommendations or comments it sees fit either to the Executive or to the City Barrister and Head of Standards.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

N/A.

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

4.1 The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) enables the Council to use covert surveillance; covert human intelligence sources (CHIS); and the acquisition of service use or subscriber information in relation to communications data in a manner that is compatible with Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights governing an individual's right to respect for their private and family life, home and correspondence.

4.2 There are various criteria which must be met, including a 'seriousness threshold' for the use of directed surveillance, and any requests by the Council to use the RIPA powers must be approved by a Magistrate, under the current legislation.

4.3 Elected members are expected to have oversight of the council's use of RIPA.

5. Detailed report

5.1 The Council has applied for 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisation and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the first half of 2024.

5.2 The Council submitted its annual data return to the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office in January 2024 on time.

6. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

6.1 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 – Kirsty Cowell (Head of Finance) ext. 37 2377.

6.2 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.

6.3 Equalities implications

N/A.

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

N/A.

6.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

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. Background information and other papers:

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

8. Summary of appendices:

N/A.

9. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)? No.

10. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why? No.