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**Regulation of Investigatory  
Powers Act 2000  
Bi-Annual Performance Report  
January 2025 – June 2025**  
Governance and Audit Committee

Decision to be taken by: Committee Members

Date of meeting: 14 July 2025

Lead director: Kamal Adatia

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## **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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.
- 1.2 The report provides an update in relation to the training of officers in relation to RIPA.

### **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 The Council has applied for 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisation and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the first half of 2025.
- 4.4 As part of the Council's continued compliance with RIPA, training has been arranged for key officers to take place in July and September 2025. This has been offered to relevant officers across our Regulatory Services, Corporate Investigations Team, CCTV Team as well as authorising officers. Whilst the Council doesn't actively use its powers under RIPA, it's necessary for officers to be aware of the requirements.
- 4.5 The Council continues to ensure compliance with RIPA as set out above.

## 5. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other 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.

Signed: Amy Oliver

Dated: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### 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.

Signed: Kamal Adatia (City Barrister and Head of Standards) ext. 37 1402

Dated: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### 5.3 Equalities implications

N/A.

Signed:

Dated:

### 5.4 Climate Emergency implications

N/A.

Signed:

Dated:

### 5.5 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		

**6. Background information and other papers:**

None

**7. Summary of appendices:**

None

**8. 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.

**9. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?**

No.