
**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
Bi-Annual Performance Report July 2014 – December 2014**

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 2014 to 31st December 2014.

2. Summary

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

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- 4.1 The Council applied for 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisations and 0 communications data authorisations in the second half of 2014.
- 4.2 Any communications data authorisations will be carried out via the National Anti-Fraud Network (NAFN) system on our behalf. The Interceptions of Communications Commissioner's Office (IOCCO) has recently carried out their regular inspection of NAFN.
- 4.3 The Council has not undergone any inspections by either the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner (OSC) or the IOCCO in this period.
- 4.4 The Council currently has 3 trained Authorising officers in place (Alison Greenhill, Kamal Adatia and Ann Branson). This is not enough. The newly appointed Director of Environment has been unable to undertake Authorising Officer training as yet as places were fully booked, but will do so as soon as possible.

- 4.6 A summary of RIPA authorisations is published annually on the Council's website by the central information governance team.
- 4.7 Several council officers (Fraud, Environmental Crime, City Wardens, Information Governance) attended the NAFN Annual summit which was held in Leicester in November 2014.
- 4.8 One of Leicester's Environmental Crime Officers has offered to sit on NAFN's national Training and Best Practice Working Group (Communications Data).

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 Solicitor, 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	No	Yes. HRA Article 8 must be considered for all applications
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
Risk Management	No	

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