



Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

Audit and Risk Committee

3 August 2016

**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000
Bi-Annual Performance Report January 2016 – June 2016**

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 2016 to 30th June 2016.

2. Summary

2.1 The Council applied for 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisations and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the period above.

2.2 The Head of Information Governance & Risk attended a national training event held by NAFN to prepare Local Authorities for the changes that may be forthcoming as a result of the proposed Investigatory Powers Bill.

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 to the City Barrister and Head of Standards.

4 Report

4.1 The Council applied for 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisations and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the first half of 2016.

4.2 The Council is currently considering 2 Directed Surveillance Authorisations. These will show on the next report to Audit Committee if they are progressed.

- 4.3 The Head of Information Governance & Risk attended a national training event held by NAFN to prepare Local Authorities for the changes that may be forthcoming as a result to the proposed Investigatory Powers Bill.
- 4.4 If the draft Investigatory Powers Bill becomes legislation, the Investigatory Powers Act will enable Local Authorities to access more communications data than at present.
- 4.5 The Head of Information Governance & Risk has arranged training on the proposed Investigatory Powers Bill for all staff involved in applying for or authorising RIPA applications. This will take place on 30th August at 13.30 in the Presentation Suite (G.04) at City Hall. Members of the Audit Committee are welcome to attend.

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

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