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**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000  
Bi-Annual Performance Report January 2017 – June 2017**

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**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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**2. Summary**

2.1 The Council applied for 2 Directed Surveillance Authorisations 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 to the City Barrister and Head of Standards.

**4 Report**

4.1 The Council applied for 2 Directed Surveillance Authorisations and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the first half of 2017.

4.2 Both authorisations (202207 and 203820) were undertaken by Corporate Investigations under The Fraud Act 2006. Blue disabled parking permits were allegedly being used fraudulently to avoid city centre parking charges. Evidence was successfully gathered on both cases.

4.3 One case has been authorised for prosecution and the Council is currently awaiting a hearing date at Leicester Magistrates Court (paper hearing).

4.4 The second case has seen the alleged perpetrator interviewed under caution and sanction action (caution or prosecution) is under consideration.

## 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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2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017