



Leicester  
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

Audit and Risk Committee

21 March 2018

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**Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000  
Bi-Annual Performance Report July 2017 – December 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> July 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

**2. Summary**

2.1 The Council applied for 0 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 0 Directed Surveillance Authorisations and 0 Communications Data Authorisations in the second half of 2017.

4.2 On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 Lord Justice Fulford commenced his new role as the Investigatory Powers Commissioner. Assisted by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO), he will undertake the oversight functions of three previous Commissioners under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 namely the Chief Surveillance Commissioner, Interception of Communications Commissioner and the Intelligence Services Commissioner.

4.3 The last annual reports of the Surveillance Commissioner and the Interception of Communications Commissioner can be found in the publications section on <https://www.ipco.org.uk/>.

## 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	

## 7. Report Author / Officer to contact:

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