

EXECUTIVE - 22 MARCH 2018

REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

Executive Summary

This report considers the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 ("RIPA") during the 2017 calendar year.

Reasons for Decision

To comply with the Council's RIPA policy and Home Office Codes of Practice.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RESOLVE That

the Council's non-use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 during the 2017 calendar year be noted.

The Executive has authority to determine the above recommendation.

Background Papers:

Sustainability Impact Assessment
Equalities Impact Assessment

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 ("RIPA") provides for, and regulates the use of a range of investigative powers by a variety of public authorities. RIPA will impact on the Council's activities on the rare occasions when covert surveillance is undertaken, e.g. as part of investigations undertaken in connection with the Council's environmental health, housing, taxi licensing and audit functions.

2.0 Use of RIPA during the 2017 Calendar Year

- 2.1 No RIPA authorisations were issued during 2017.

3.0 Implications

Financial

- 3.1 None.

Human Resource/Training and Development

- 3.2 None.

Community Safety

- 3.3 None.

Risk Management

- 3.4 None.

Sustainability

- 3.5 None.

Equalities

- 3.6 None.

4.0 Consultations

- 4.1 None.

REPORT ENDS

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APPENDICES

Equality Impact Assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to improve the work of the Council by making sure that it does not discriminate against any individual or group and that, where possible, it promotes equality. The Council has a legal duty to comply with equalities legislation and this template enables you to consider the impact (positive or negative) a strategy, policy, project or service may have upon the protected groups.

		Positive impact?			Negative impact?	No specific impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative how can it be mitigated? (action) THIS SECTION NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED AS EVIDENCE OF WHAT THE POSITIVE IMPACT IS OR WHAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO MITIGATE ANY NEGATIVE IMPACTS
		Eliminate discrimination	Advance equality	Good relations			
Gender	Men					X	
	Women					X	
Gender Reassignment						X	
Race	White					X	
	Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups					X	
	Asian/Asian British					X	
	Black/African/Caribbean/Black British					X	
	Gypsies / travellers					X	
	Other ethnic group					X	
Disability	Physical					X	
	Sensory					X	
	Learning Difficulties					X	

	Mental Health					X	
Sexual Orientation	Lesbian, gay men, bisexual					X	
Age	Older people (50+)					X	
	Younger people (16 - 25)					X	
Religion or Belief	Faith Groups					X	
Pregnancy & maternity						X	
Marriage & Civil Partnership						X	
Socio-economic Background						X	
Carers						X	

The purpose of the Equality Impact Assessment is to improve the work of the Council by making sure it does not discriminate against any individual or group and that, where possible, it promotes equality. The assessment is quick and straightforward to undertake but it is an important step to make sure that individuals and teams think carefully about the likely impact of their work on people in Woking and take action to improve strategies, policies, services and projects, where appropriate. Further details and guidance on completing the form are [available](#).

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Sustainability Impact Assessment

Officers preparing a committee report are required to complete a Sustainability Impact Assessment. Sustainability is one of the Council's 'cross-cutting themes' and the Council has made a corporate commitment to address the social, economic and environmental effects of activities across Business Units. The purpose of this Impact Assessment is to record any positive or negative impacts this decision, project or programme is likely to have on each of the Council's Sustainability Themes. For assistance with completing the Impact Assessment, please refer to the instructions below. Further details and guidance on completing the form are [available](#).

Theme (Potential impacts of the project)	Positive Impact	Negative Impact	No specific impact	What will the impact be? If the impact is negative, how can it be mitigated? (action)
Use of energy, water, minerals and materials			X	
Waste generation / sustainable waste management			X	
Pollution to air, land and water			X	
Factors that contribute to Climate Change			X	
Protection of and access to the natural environment			X	
Travel choices that do not rely on the car			X	
A strong, diverse and sustainable local economy			X	
Meet local needs locally			X	
Opportunities for education and information			X	
Provision of appropriate and sustainable housing			X	
Personal safety and reduced fear of crime			X	
Equality in health and good health			X	
Access to cultural and leisure facilities			X	
Social inclusion / engage and consult communities			X	
Equal opportunities for the whole community			X	
Contribute to Woking's pride of place			X	