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 2022 calendar year.

Recommendations

The Executive is requested to:

RESOLVE That

the Council's non-use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 during the 2022 calendar year be noted.

Reasons for Decision

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

The Executive has the authority to determine the recommendation(s) set out above.

Background Papers: None.

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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 2022 Calendar Year

2.1   No RIPA authorisations were issued during 2022.

3.0   Corporate Strategy

3.1   RIPA powers would only be used for a purpose which was consistent with the Council's Corporate Strategy.

4.0   Implications

Finance and Risk

4.1   None.

Equalities and Human Resources

4.2   None.

Legal

4.3   None.

5.0   Engagement and Consultation

5.1   None.

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