

**To: Council**

**Date: Monday 24 April 2017**

**Report of: Head of Law & Governance**

**Title of Report: Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000**

# Summary and Recommendations

**Purpose of report**: **To report the Council’s application of its powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000**

# Key decision? No

**Executive lead member: Councillor Price**

**Report approved by: Acting Head of Law & Governance**

**Policy Framework: Not applicable**

**Recommendation:**

**Council is asked to note the Council’s use of its powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.**

**Introduction**

1. This report relates to the Council’s use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) for the period April 2016 to March 2017. The three investigatory powers available to the Council are, directed covert surveillance, the interception of communications data and the use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS). The Council has only ever authorised directed covert surveillance.

**The Council’s use of Covert Surveillance**

1. There were no authorisations for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

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