

To: Audit & Governance Committee

Date: 27 September 2023

Report of: Head of Law & Governance

Title of Report: Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 –
Surveillance Policy and Procedure Flowcharts

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report:

To present two flowcharts, for inclusion in the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Surveillance Policy and Procedure, for approval and adoption.

Key decision No

Executive lead member: Councillor Susan Brown - Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy and Partnerships

Policy Framework: Corporate Plan Priority – Enable an Inclusive Economy, Support Thriving Communities

Recommendation(s): That the Committee approves the two flowcharts, at Appendix 1 to the report, for inclusion in the Surveillance Policy and Procedure.

Appendix 1 – Draft Surveillance Policy and Procedure flowcharts

Background

1. The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2021 legislate for the use by local authorities of covert methods of surveillance and information gathering to assist in the detection and prevention of crime in relation to and authority's core functions. On 26 July 2023 the Committee approved a refreshed Surveillance Policy and Procedure and requested that a flowchart be included in the document to show how RIPA authorisations would take place.

2. The Committee is asked to approve the two flowcharts contained in Appendix 1 to the report, for inclusion in the Surveillance Policy and Procedure.

Legal Implications

3. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Financial Implications

4. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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