

**To: Council**

**Date: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012**

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

**Title of Report: Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012**

## **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:**

**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) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012;**

**Appendix 1: The Council amended RIPA policy document.**

## **Introduction**

1. This report provides information on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. There are three investigatory powers regulated by RIPA which are available to local authorities, these are directed covert surveillance, the interception of communications data and the use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS). The Council has never exercised either of these latter powers.

### **The Council's use of Covert Surveillance**

2. The Council did not issue any authorisations for directed covert surveillance during the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.
3. The Council's policy and procedure relating to the use of RIPA (Appendix 1), has recently been reviewed and amended. The procedure is available on the Council's website.

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