

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS TO THE RIPA POLICY

TO BE APPROVED BY FULL COUNCIL ON 23RD MARCH 2011

New paragraph 9:-

INTERNAL REVIEWS

This policy and the Council's use of RIPA shall be reviewed by Cabinet annually.

Internal reports on the Council's use of RIPA shall be considered by Policy Overview and Scrutiny on a quarterly basis to ensure that it is being used consistently with the local authority's policy and that the policy remains fit for purpose.

New paragraph 1.2:-

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2010 provides that a Director, Head of Service, Service Manager or equivalent may authorise surveillance.

New paragraph 1.3:-

1.3 Senior Responsible Officer

The Director of Business is the Council's Senior Responsible Officer for the purposes of RIPA and shall be responsible for:

- the integrity of the process in place within the Council to authorise directed surveillance.
- compliance with Part II of the 2000 Act.
- engagement with the Commissioners and inspectors when they conduct their inspections.
- Where necessary, overseeing the implementations of any post inspection action plans recommended or approved by a Commissioner.
- ensuring that all relevant officers are of an appropriate standard in light of any recommendations in the inspection reports prepared by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners.
- Where an inspection report highlights concerns about the standards of authorising officers, the Senior Responsible Officer will be responsible for ensuring concerns are addressed.

Update of job titles on the Authorised Officer List and throughout the Policy as a whole.