

<b>REPORT TO:</b>		Cabinet	
<b>DATE:</b>		20 July 2016	
<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>		Cllr Miles Parkinson, Leader	
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>		Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services)	
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>		Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. Half Yearly Report	
<b>EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)</b>	<b>No</b>	Not applicable	
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>No</b>	If yes, date of publication:	

## 1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 At the Cabinet Meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012 it was resolved that the Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services) should present a report to the Cabinet each quarter summarising the use of the powers conferred on the Council by Part II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA). Due to the lack of use of these powers it was further resolved by Cabinet on the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 that reports only need to be submitted every six months.
- 1.2 As RIPA has not been used in the last three years it will be recommended that future reports will only be necessary if these RIPA powers are actually used.

## 2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the report be noted
- 2.2 That further reports will only be necessary in the event that the powers conferred by RIPA are actually used.

## 3. **Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 During the period under review, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016 there were no applications for authorisations under RIPA. Furthermore no applications are outstanding. The lack of applications is mainly the result of changes to the RIPA regime that came into effect in November 2012. These changes which were previously

reported to Cabinet on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2012, limited the use that could be made of RIPA to the investigation of more serious offences that are punishable by a period of imprisonment 6 months or more.

#### **4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 N/A

#### **5. Consultations**

5.1 N/A

#### **6. Implications**

<b>Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)</b>	None
<b>Legal and human rights implications</b>	None
<b>Assessment of risk</b>	None
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b> <i>A <a href="#">Customer First Analysis</a> should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	None

#### **7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985: List of Background Papers**

7.1 N/A

#### **8. Freedom of Information**

8.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.