

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)</b>
<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>6 Jan 21</b>
<b>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All</b>

## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To consider the updated MCC RIPA policy and recent IPCO inspection outcome.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to approve the MCC RIPA Policy.
- 2.2 Cabinet is requested to note the recent IPCO Inspection Report.

## **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 MCC is legally permitted to carry out a range of activities as part of its duties that fall under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. While such activity is rare, it is a requirement that the Council have an up to date policy that governs it, and the Council is also subjected to inspections by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Officer (IPCO) periodically.
- 3.2 Cabinet is the appropriate body to approve the policy and also receive the outcome of any inspection; Audit Committee will also receive a report from the Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) annually.
- 3.3 The policy as at Appendix One and was considered at inspection with the following comment in the report from The Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson (IPC):

*"I am aware that the revised RIPA policy is very soon to be presented to the Council Cabinet for approval and that my Inspectors, having reviewed the document, are satisfied that it is comprehensive in detail and addresses the key areas in RIPA. They are content that it will be meaningful to staff and should serve to ensure your authority remains compliant with the legislation and codes of practice."*

- 3.4 The Inspection letter is at Appendix 2. As it is classified Official-Sensitive by IPCO it has not been published with this report but is available to all Members. The inspection discharged all previously made formal recommendations and made no further such recommendations. It also identified elements of good practice.

## **4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION (INCLUDES SOCIAL JUSTICE, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING)**

- 4.1 Given the nature of this report no implications have been identified.

## **5. OPTIONS APPRAISAL**

- 5.1 Any proposed amendments to the policy can be made as required where they are within the Home Office guidance.

## **6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil

## **7. CONSULTEES**

7.1 As per above, the policy has been considered by the IPCO and approved.  
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RIPA Authorising Officers – Head of People and Head of Public Protection.

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