

17/01/2020

Executive Board Member: Cllr. PHILIP HUGHES	Portfolio: PUBLIC PROTECTION
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REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- 1. To review the covert surveillance activity undertaken by the authority in 2019**
- 2. To review the corporate procedure on the conduct of such surveillance and approve changes for 2020.**

REASONS:

Guidance recommends elected members maintain an overview of the use of covert surveillance by the authority and annually review the policy and procedures governing those activities

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Declaration of Personal Interest (if any):None

Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):N/A

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER



Recommendation of Officer adopted	YES / NO
Recommendation of the Officer was adopted subject to the amendment(s) and reason(s) specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's recommendation was not adopted:	



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER DECISION MEETING FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION

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Directed Surveillance

During 2019 no authorisations have been issued under this Act for the conduct of directed surveillance

Covert human Intelligence Sources

No authorisations have been issued for the use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources during 2019.

Interception of Communications Data

No authorisations have been issued by the authority for the interception of communications data during 2019.

Unauthorised Covert Surveillance

There have been no reports of unauthorised surveillance during 2019

Statistical Returns

Annual returns reflecting the above have been provided to the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner and the Interception of Communications Commissioner when requested

Investigatory Powers Commissioner (IPC) Inspection

During the year the authority was the subject of an inspection by the IPC, which reviewed the authority's policies, procedures and records. A copy of the letter from the Commissioner confirming the outcome of the inspection is annexed to this report. In relation to the points raised in the Commissioner's letter;

1. The Council's procedure document has been amended in accordance with the suggestions made and is attached for approval.
2. Dip sampling of internet usage has been undertaken for the period October to December 2019. No evidence of unauthorised directed surveillance was revealed.
3. Arrangements are in the process of being made to hold the 'table-top' exercises suggested.
4. In addition a register of RIPA queries was established on 30/09/19 and since then a total of 7 queries have been received regarding use of covert surveillance powers and in each case advice given which has avoided the need for covert surveillance to be undertaken.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

NO



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IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Linda Rees-Jones

Head of Administration and Law

Policy and Crime & Disorder NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Organisational Development NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Linda Rees Jones

Head of Administration & Law

1. Local Member(s) Not applicable
2. Community / Town Council Not applicable
3. Relevant Partners Not applicable
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations Not applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	LS-0134	County Hall Carmarthen

