

CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION

24/01/2022

Cabinet Member:	Portfolio:
Cllr. PHILIP HUGHES	COMMUNITIES

REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

1. To review the covert surveillance activity undertaken by the authority in 2021
2. To approve the corporate procedure on the conduct of such surveillance for 2022.

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

(If the answer is yes exact details are to be provided below:)

DECISION MADE:

Signed:

_____ CABINET 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

24/01/2022

REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT

Directed Surveillance

During 2021 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 2021.

Interception of Communications Data

No applications have been made by the authority for the interception of communications data during 2021

Unauthorised Covert Surveillance

There have been no reports of unauthorised surveillance during 2021

RIPA Advice

As at the date of writing this report advice was sought from council officers on 7 occasions during 2021 regarding the use of covert surveillance powers. On each occasion advice was given which rendered the use of those powers unnecessary.

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

Covert Surveillance Procedure Document

The Councils procedure document has been reviewed and no changes are required at this time. The procedure document therefore remains as approved by the Executive Board member on the last occasion.

Training

There is a need to provide refresher training to relevant staff. This will be organised for 2022.

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	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Organisational Development	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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:**

NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Legal file	CCIP-0000	County Hall Carmarthen

