

Committee(s)	Dated:
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Summary

The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 regulates surveillance carried out by public authorities in the conduct of their business, specifically the monitoring, recording and interception of communications; the requisition, provision and handling of communications data; and the use of directed covert surveillance.

To ensure that the City Corporation remains compliant with the requirements set by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners during their visit in September 2015, and the relevant Codes of Practice, this report confirms that no requests under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 have been received by the RIPA Monitoring Officer/Co-ordinator since the last report to the Policy and Resources Committee in July 2016.

Following the departure of the Deputy Town Clerk, the role of Senior Responsible Owner has been assumed by the Town Clerk.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to note this report.

Main Report

Background

1. In September 2015, the Office of Surveillance Commissioners inspected the City Corporation's process and procedure for ensuring compliance with RIPA. The inspector concluded that the City Corporation is keen to set and maintain high standards and has a sound RIPA structure, with good policies and procedures. Three recommendations were made, relating to: amendments to the Policy and Procedure manual; central record keeping and monitoring, and refresher training. All of the recommendations have been accepted and acted upon.
2. The revised Policy and Procedure manual was approved by the Policy and Resources Committee on 21 January 2016. The Committee also approved a proposal discussed with the inspector to change the frequency of reporting of RIPA uses to this Committee from quarterly to six monthly.

Current Position- Authorisations

3. Since the last report to the Committee in July 2016, no requests under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 have been received by the RIPA Monitoring Officer/Co-ordinator.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

4. The existing Policy and Procedure manual is compliant with legislation and continues to accurately reflect the City of London Corporation's practices. Following the departure of the Deputy Town Clerk and the deletion of that post, the role of Senior Responsible Owner has been assumed by the Town Clerk. The manual will be amended accordingly.

Conclusion

5. Following an inspection by the Office of Surveillance Commissioners in September 2015, and in accordance with the inspector's recommendation, this six-monthly update report sets out the Corporation's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 since July 2016. Since then, no authorisations have been sought in accordance with the Corporation's Policy and Procedure.

Appendices: None

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