

**REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000: STOCKPORT COUNCIL'S
USE OF DIRECTED SURVEILLANCE AND COVERT HUMAN INTELLIGENCE
SOURCES (CHIS)**

Report of the Strategic Head of Service (Legal, Democratic Governance and Estates and
Asset Management) and Monitoring Officer

1. Matter for consideration

- 1.1 The Council's Code of Practice for carrying out of surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) specifies that quarterly reports will be taken to the CRMG Scrutiny Committee to demonstrate to elected members that the Council is complying with its own Code of Practice when using RIPA.
- 1.2 This report provides an update in relation to the 1st quarter of the 2018-2019 financial year.
- 1.3 The Committee is asked to consider and note this report.

2. Information

- 2.1 The RIPA Codes of Practice produced by the Home Office in April 2010 introduced to requirements to produce quarterly reports to elected members to demonstrate that the Council is using its RIPA powers appropriately and complying with its own Code of Practice when carrying out covert surveillance. The RIPA Codes of Practice were updated on 10th December 2014. This requirements relates to the use of directed surveillance and covert human intelligence sources (CHIS).
- 2.2 The table below shows the Council's use of directed surveillance between 1st April 2018 and 31st July 2018. Information in relation to more recent authorisations is excluded and will be provided in future reports. This is to endure that on-going investigations which may have current surveillance authorisations in place and on-going are not compromised.
- 2.3 The table outlines the number of times RIPA has been used for directed surveillance, the month of use, the service applying for the surveillance and a general description of the reasons for the surveillance. There has been no authorisation for the use of CHIS.
- 2.4 Financial year 2018/19 – 1st Quarter: 1/04/2018 – 31/07/2018

	Month	Service	Reason
Q1: 1 st April 2018 – 31 st July 2018			
Total	0 Authorisations		

3. Recommendation

3.1 That the Scrutiny Committee considers and notes the RIPA monitoring report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- There are none

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