

STOCKPORT COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET- SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Use of Surveillance Powers - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and The Investigatory Powers Act 2016

Report to Cabinet

Date: 30 January 2024

Report of: (a) Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

Key Decision: (b) No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Mark with a Y if applicable)

Summary:

The report sets out The Council's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Policy which must be considered by elected members annually to set the Policy and to ensure that if the Council is using its RIPA powers, it is doing so appropriately and complying with its own Code of Practice when carrying out covert surveillance.

Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)

The Council is complying with its duties and undertaking appropriate training

Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)

The Cabinet is recommended to:-

- (1) note that the Council has not exercised its RIPA powers since the last report; and
- (2) approve the RIPA Policy/ Code of Practice for the forthcoming year

Relevant Scrutiny Committee (if decision called in): (e)

Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

Background Papers (if report for publication): (f)

Contact person for accessing background papers and discussing the report

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'Urgent Business': (g)

Yes/ No (Please circle)

Certification (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor _____ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

AGENDA ITEM