



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities

Date: 25th October, 2018

Subject: Updated Procedural Guidance: RIPA Covert Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources (RIPA Procedural Guidance)

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To inform the Cabinet Member of the outcome of the Audit and Procurement Committee's consideration of the Report on the Updated Procedural Guidance: RIPA Covert Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources (RIPA Procedural Guidance) at their meeting on 10 September 2018.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Audit and Procurement Committee recommend that Cabinet Member approve the updated RIPA Procedural Guidance, subject to there being communication / publicity about the same when it is published on the Council's intranet

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Audit and Procurement Committee considered the Report on the updated RIPA Procedural Guidance at their meeting on 10 September 2018.
- 3.2 The Committee discussed the updated RIPA Procedural Guidance in detail including the Social Media in Investigations Guidance (the Investigations Guidance) attached to the Report (provided for context) and identified that with developments in technology and incoming of GDPR this was a growing area that needed guidance providing by the Council.
- 3.3 They acknowledged that although the case law in the area of Social Media in Investigations was in its infancy the Investigations Guidance was clear about what not to do.
- 3.4 The Solicitor in attendance (Ms Harriott), agreed to keep both documents under review.
- 3.5 The Solicitor will arrange for communications/ publicity around the launch of both the updated RIPA Procedural Guidance and the Investigations Guidance.

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