

BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting of the Standards Committee on 27th January 2025

RIPA Annual Report

Report of the Director of Governance and Legal Services & Monitoring Officer

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| Classification | This report is Public |
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PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To provide an update on Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) applications.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

1.1 One of Standard Committee's terms of reference is to review the operation of the Council's RIPA policy. This is the policy that determines how officers of the Council may undertake covert surveillance.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 At its meeting on September 2024 Standards Committee approved changes to the Council's RIPA policy. It is however extremely rare for the Council to need to carry out covert surveillance and no applications have been applied for or granted in a number of years.

2.2 Despite this it is important that staff are properly trained and steps are currently been taken to ensure that appropriate training are provided to authorising officers and investigating officers. As a number of staff from Environmental Health will require training this is likely to be arranged jointly with North East Derbyshire.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 Standard Committee need to understand the extent of RIPA authorisations each year.

4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 There are no alternative options. This report is for notification purpose only

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Committee note the content of this report.

IMPLICATIONS:

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| <u>Finance and Risk</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Details: |
| On behalf of the Section 151 Officer |
| <u>Legal (including Data Protection)</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Details: |
| On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council |
| <u>Staffing</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Details: |
| On behalf of the Head of Paid Service |
| <u>Equality and Diversity, and Consultation</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Details: |
| <u>Environment</u> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment |
| Details: |

DECISION INFORMATION:

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| <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies:</p> <p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an Executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more wards in the District or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue (a) Results in the Council making Revenue Savings of £75,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Revenue Expenditure of £75,000 or more.</p> <p>Capital (a) Results in the Council making Capital Income of £150,000 or more or (b) Results in the Council incurring Capital Expenditure of £150,000 or more.</p> <p>District Wards Significantly Affected: <i>(to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the District)</i> Please state below which wards are affected or tick All if all wards are affected:</p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All <input type="checkbox"/></p> |
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| <p>If Yes, is the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decision(s) proposed within this report? <i>(decisions may only be classified as exempt from call-in with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer)</i></p> <p>Consultation carried out: <i>(this is any consultation carried out prior to the report being presented for approval)</i></p> <p>Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> | <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> |
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| <p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy, Environment, Housing</p> |
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION:

| Appendix No | Title |
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Background Papers

(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).