



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNCIL**

**RECORD OF DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

**DECISION MADE BY: Cabinet    DATE DECISION MADE: 27 March, 2023**

**Cabinet Members Present:**

Councillor M Webber (Chair), Councillor A Morgan, Councillor G Caple,  
Councillor R Lewis, Councillor C Leyshon, Councillor M Norris and  
Councillor B Harris

**Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor A Crimmings

***Agenda Item : 4***

**SUBJECT: Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (IPA) - Use of Investigatory Powers during 2022 by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council**

**1. DECISION MADE:**

**Agreed –**

- I. To note the content of the report;
- II. To acknowledge that investigatory powers in respect of covert surveillance and acquisition of communications data have been used in an appropriate manner that is consistent with the Council's RIPA and IPA policies during the period 1st January – 31st December 2022;
- III. To approve the amendment to Appendix 1 of the Corporate Policy and Procedures Document on The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA).

**2. REASON FOR THE DECISION BEING MADE:**

The need to ensure Members are kept apprised as to how RIPA has been used during the period 1st January – 31st December 2022 and that it has been used in an appropriate manner consistent with the Council's RIPA policies.

**3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES/FUTURE GENERATIONS - SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:**

The use of RIPA and IPA as tools to effectively target illegal activity within the local authority, such as rogue trading and fly-tipping, links to two of the three Corporate Priorities, namely ensuing PLACES where people are proud to live, work and play, and enabling PROSPERITY for people and business to fulfil their potential and prosper.

Additionally, four of the seven Well-being Goals under the Well-being of Future Generations Act are met, namely a Prosperous Wales, a Healthier Wales, a More Equal Wales and a Globally Responsible Wales.

**4. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO DECISION BEING MADE:**

This report has been prepared in consultation with the Council's Trading Standards and Registrar Service Manager who is responsible for operational oversight of RIPA matters.

**5. PREVIOUS CONSIDERATION BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL:**

None

**6. PERSONAL INTERESTS DECLARED:**

None

**7. DISPENSATION TO SPEAK (AS GRANTED BY STANDARDS COMMITTEE):**

N/A

**8. (a) IS THE DECISION SUBJECT TO CALL-IN BY THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

**Yes**

**Note:** This decision will not come into force and may not be implemented until the expiry of 3 clear working days after its publication to enable it to be the subject to the Call-In Procedure in Rule 17.1 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules.

**The closing date for Call-In is 5pm on the 30 March 2023**

**8.(b) IF NO, REASONS WHY IN THE OPINION OF THE DECISION-MAKER THE DECISION IS EXEMPT OR NON APPLICABLE:**

**I. COUNCIL / SCRUTINY FUNCTION (CALL IN IS THEREFORE NON APPLICABLE):-**  
Reason: N/A

**II. URGENT DECISION:-**  
Reason N/A

**8.(c) IF DEEMED URGENT - SIGNATURE OF PRESIDING OFFICER OR DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE CONFIRMING AGREEMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DECISION IS REASONABLE IN ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR IT BEING TREATED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULE 17.2:**

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(PRESIDING OFFICER)

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(Dated)

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**APPROVED FOR PUBLICATION: ✓**