

10th October 2018

Regulatory & Governance Committee

Chair's Update Report

Report of: *Cllr Louise Rowlands – Chair of the Regulatory & Governance*

Wards Affected: *All Wards*

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GDPR Update

A GDPR Update will be made to the November Regulatory & Governance meeting. At the July meeting the Committee agreed that an individual be identified as a Data Protection Officer from within the Council and a report made to the next Policy, Projects and Resources Committee.

At the Policy, Projects and Resources Committee on the 18 September 2018, Min 137 refers, it was agreed that:

1. Shared arrangements that are currently in place with Thurrock Council to continue and are to be reviewed in September 2019.
2. That performance continues to be monitored to ensure that the obligations of the Council, under the control and management of the DPO, are being met by the shared management agreement in place.

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

At the previous meeting the Committee were advised that the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO) conducts periodic inspections of local authorities' use of their powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA). The purpose of these inspections is to examine the Council's policies, procedures, operations and administration in relation to directed surveillance and covert human intelligence sources (CHIS) under RIPA.

The last inspection took place on 16th August 2017 and although it was noted that there has been no directed surveillance or CHIS been requested since 21st July 2014 the inspector made one recommendation requiring a number of parts of Corporate RIPA policy to be updated and amended.

Subsequently the Committee approved the amendments to the Corporate RIPA Policy with the recommendation of the Surveillance Inspector. In addition the Committee agreed that Appendix 4 (of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Corporate Policy – June 2018 – Appendix A of the report) be brought back for review with the data protection compliance report at the next meeting.

As stated above in the GDPR Update a report will be provided to the November Regulatory & Governance meeting, this will include the review of Appendix 4 (of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Corporate Policy – June 2018 – Appendix A of the report) as previously agreed.

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