# **MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **POLICY AND GUIDANCE**



FOR THE USE OF COVERT SURVEILLANCE, COVERT HUMAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES ("CHIS") and THE ACQUISITION AND DISCLOSURE OF COMMUNICATIONS DATA

To comply with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (as amended) and the Human Rights Act 1998 and having regard to the Codes of Practice published by the Secretary of State under S71 of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

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### **BACKGROUND**

The Human Rights Act 1998 (which became effective on the 2nd October 2000) incorporates into UK law the European Convention on Human Rights, the effect of which is to protect an individual's rights from unnecessary interference by the "State".

The relevant parts of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (*RIPA*) are Part II which came into force on 25th September 2000 and regulates covert investigations and Part 1 Chapter II, the acquisition and disclosure of communications data which came into force on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2004. These provide a framework within which the "State" (the specified public bodies) can work to ensure that law enforcement and other important functions can effectively protect society as a whole.

The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 has amended RIPA to require that all authorisations made by an Authorising Officer of the Council must have Judicial Approval.

The Public Bodies defined in *RIPA* include Local Authorities and, therefore, Melton Borough Council's activities are subject to the *RIPA* framework.

The purpose of this guidance is to:

- explain the scope of RIPA and the circumstances where it applies; and
- provide guidance on the authorisation procedures to be followed.

The Council has had regard to the Codes of Practice produced by the Home Office in preparing this guidance and this is reproduced at Appendix 6. The supplementary guidance on the changes made by the Protection of Freedoms Act and its impact on the use of RIPA is reproduced at Appendix 7. They are also available on the *RIPA* section of the Policies part of the Council's Intranet.

### 1 RIPA - PART II COVERT SURVEILLANCE

### INTRODUCTION

1.1 There are a number of investigation activities that are covered by *RIPA*. These are known as: Directed Surveillance; Intrusive Surveillance and the use of a Covert Human Intelligence Source (CHIS). These are explained later in this document and the <u>flowcharts</u> in Appendix 1 provide a straightforward approach to determining whether *RIPA* applies and, if so, which provisions apply.

Where RIPA applies not only must the surveillance be authorised by an authorised officer of the Council but that authorisation must receive Judicial Authorisation.

<u>The Chief Executive, Strategic Directors, Head of Communities and Head of Regulatory</u> **Services s**re responsible for authorising applications for directed surveillance or the use of a CHIS in respect of the regulatory services for which they are responsible.

*RIPA* specifies that directed surveillance or the use of a CHIS by District Councils can only be undertaken for the following reason:

"for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or preventing disorder"

Authorisation under *RIPA* gives lawful authority to carry out directed surveillance and for the use of a CHIS. Before approving applications, the Authorising Officer must have regard to the necessity and proportionality of the application.

Proportionality means that the action taken must be appropriate, fair and sufficient and that a sledgehammer should not be used to crack a nut. For example, if the evidence can be gained without surveillance then there should be **no authorisation** or, if sufficient evidence can be gained in one surveillance/visit then four must not be taken. Strict compliance with RIPA is imperative. Failure to follow the requirements can amount to unlawfulness on the part of the Council and furthermore, potentially give rise to contravention of rights under Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights.

It should be noted that the Council **does not**, *under any circumstances*, have the power to undertake what is defined as "Intrusive Surveillance".

There are Home Office Codes of Practice that expand on the information in this guide and copies are available as appendices to this policy, on the Internet and under Policies on the Intranet.

Click here for the hyper link to the Home Office web site. http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk

### Staff should refer to the Home Office Codes of Conduct for supplementary guidance.

The Codes do not have the force of statute, but are admissible in evidence in any criminal and civil proceedings. As stated in the codes,

"if any provision of the code appears relevant to a question before any Court or tribunal considering any such proceedings, or to the tribunal established under *RIPA*, or to one of the commissioners responsible for overseeing the powers conferred by *RIPA*, it must be taken into account".

Deciding when authorisation is required involves making a judgement. Section 1.3 of this guidance gives some examples and Section 1.4 explains the authorisation process. If you are unclear about any aspect of the process, seek the advice of an Authorising Officer. If they are unable to answer your questions they must seek advice from the Council's Legal Services Team.

However, **IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT** about whether a course of action requires an authorisation, **GET IT AUTHORISED.** (If you are unable to secure an authorisation it is likely that your application does not comply with the law).

Teams of the Council that undertake surveillance that is covered by *RIPA* may wish to develop specific guidance on the applicability of RIPA to their particular circumstances. Such an approach is to be encouraged but the relevant Team Manager **must ensure that any "local" guidance does not conflict with this corporate document.** 

### 1.2 **DEFINITIONS**

What is meant by:

### **RIPA 2000**

RIPA 2000 stands for the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

### Surveillance

Surveillance includes:

- a) monitoring, observing or listening to persons, their movements, their conversations or their other activities or communication and, for the purposes of *RIPA*, the term persons includes "any organisation and any association or combination of persons", this will include limited companies, partnerships, co-operatives etc;
- b) recording anything monitored, observed or listened to in the course of surveillance;
- c) surveillance by or with the assistance of a surveillance device.

### **Covert Surveillance**

Covert surveillance is that carried out in a manner <u>calculated</u> to ensure that persons subject to surveillance are unaware it is or may be taking place.

If activities are open and not hidden from the persons subject to surveillance, the *RIPA* framework does not apply.

### **Directed surveillance**

Surveillance is 'Directed' for the purposes of RIPA if it is covert, but not intrusive and is undertaken:

- a) for the purposes of a specific investigation or a specific operation: and
- b) in such a manner as is likely to result in the obtaining of private information about a person (whether or not one is specifically identified for the purposes of the investigation or operation); and
- otherwise than by way of an immediate response to events or circumstances the nature of which is such that it would not be reasonably practicable for an authorisation to be sought for the carrying out of the surveillance. *This could include the use of an overt CCTV system for a directed and specific covert purpose*.

### Intrusive Surveillance

# <u>Intrusive Surveillance is available only to the Police or other law enforcement agencies.</u> Intrusive Surveillance is surveillance undertaken covertly and:

- a) is carried out in relation to anything taking place on any "residential premises" or in any "private vehicle"; and
- b) involves the presence of an individual on the premises or in the vehicle or is carried out by means of a surveillance device; or
- c) is carried out by means of a surveillance device in relation to anything taking place on any residential premises or in any private vehicle but is carried out without that device being present on the premises or in the vehicle, where the device is such that it consistently provides information of the same quality and detail as might be expected to be obtained from a device actually present on the premises or in the vehicle.

### **Covert Human Intelligence Source (CHIS)**

CHIS is defined as a Covert Human Intelligence Source and procedures for the authorisation of a CHIS are set our under Section 29 of RIPA 2000. A CHIS is a person who is required to establish, maintain a personal or other relationship with someone to obtain information in order to assist an investigation. Other relationships can include professional, business or working relationships. A CHIS is therefore the person who acts covertly and passes information to the designated handler.

### **Authorising Officer**

An AO is and employee of Melton Borough Council who has received adequate training and has attained a level of competency to be able to provide authorisation. Authorisations within Melton Borough Council can only be given by the Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Directors, Head of Communities and Head of Regulatory Services

### **Investigation Officer (IO)**

An investigation Officer is an officer within the Council who is involved in undertaking specific investigation or operation.

### **Designated Handler**

A Designated handler is responsible for directing the day to day activities of the CHIS as well as the security and welfare of the CHIS.

### **Private Vehicle**

Private vehicles are subject to RIPA where any vehicle is used primarily for the private purposes of the person who owns it or for a person who otherwise having right to use it

### **Necessity**

Necessity requires that the covert surveillance takes place when there are no reasonable and effective alternative (overt) means of achieving the desired objective. Please see section 1.4 for further details.

### **Proportionality**

If the activities are necessary then the AO must believe that the activity is proportionate to the likely outcome. The activity will not be proportionate if it is considered excessive in the circumstances of the case, or if the information could have reasonably been sought by other less intrusive means bearing in mind any collateral intrusion caused.

### **Collateral Intrusion**

Collateral Intrusion is where surveillance indirectly intrudes onto the privacy of individuals who are not the direct subject of the surveillance i.e. where innocent bystanders are observed in the course of a surveillance operation. Children are included in this definition.

### **Residential Premises**

Residential Premises are subject to RIPA where premises are being occupied or used by any person, however temporarily, for residential purposes or otherwise as living accommodation (including hotel or prison accommodation that is occupied or used). Residential accommodation does not include common parts of blocks of flats.

### Surveillance Device

Surveillance device means any apparatus designed or adapted for use in surveillance.

### **Public Authority**

Public Authority means any public authority within the meaning of Section 6 Human Rights Act 1998 (Acts of Public Authorities) Courts and tribunals are public authorities.

### **Human Rights Act**

The Human Rights Act 1998 Article 8 provides protection to an individual's right to privacy.

### **Covert Purpose**

A purpose is covert, in relation to the establishment or maintenance of a personal or other relationship, **if and only if,** the relationship is conducted in a manner that is calculated to ensure that one of the parties to the relationship is unaware of the purpose behind the relationship.

### **Private Information**

Private information is any information relating to a person's (see the definition in <u>surveillance part a</u> above) private or family life. <u>This includes the right to establish and develop relationships with other human beings and activities that are of a business or professional nature.</u>

For example, if part of an investigation is to observe a member of staff's home to determine their comings and goings then that surveillance would, almost certainly, gather private information, as would surveillance of an individual selling counterfeit goods as the surveillance may provide information about the earnings that the person made from the sales.

### Senior Responsible Officer

It is considered good practice for every public authority to appoint a Senior Responsible officer (SRO). The SRO for Melton Borough Council is The Solicitor to the Council (Verina Wenham). The SRO is responsible for:

- the integrity of the process in place within the public authority for the management of CHIS and Directed Surveillance:
- compliance with Part 2 of the Act and the Codes:
- engagement with the OSC inspectors when they conduct their inspections where applicable; and
- where necessary, oversight and implementation of post inspection plans approved by the OSC.

### **Councillors Role**

Councillors now have a formal scrutiny role in relation to RIPA. At least once a year they should review the use of RIPA and set the general surveillance policy. They should also consider the internal reports on the use of RIPA on least a quarterly basis to ensure that it is being used consistently as per the councils policy and that the policy remains fit for purpose. It is important to note that councillors should not be involved in making decisions on specific authorisations.

### **Confidential Material**

- a) matters subject to legal privilege;
- b) confidential personal information; or
- c) confidential journalistic material.
- Matters subject to legal privilege includes both oral and written communications between a
  professional legal adviser and his/her client (or any person representing his/her client)
  made in connection with the giving of legal advice to the client or in contemplation of legal

proceedings and for the purposes of such proceedings, as well as items enclosed with or referred to in such communications. Communications and items held with the intention of furthering a criminal purpose are not matters subject to legal privilege (see NB1 below)

- "Confidential Personal Information" is information held in confidence concerning an individual (whether living or dead) who can be identified from it, and relating:
  - a) to his/her physical or mental health; or
  - b) to spiritual counselling or other assistance given or to be given, and which a person has acquired or created in the course of any trade, business, profession or other occupation, or for the purposes of any paid or unpaid office (see NB2 below). It includes both oral and written information and also communications as a result of which personal information is acquired or created. Information is held in confidence if:
  - 1)it is held subject to an express or implied undertaking to hold it in confidence; or
  - 2)it is subject to a restriction on disclosure or an obligation of secrecy contained in existing or future legislation.
- "Confidential Journalistic Material" includes material acquired or created for the purposes of journalism and held subject to an undertaking to hold it in confidence, as well as communications resulting in information being acquired for the purposes of journalism and held subject to such an undertaking.
- **NB 1.** Legally privileged communications will lose their protection if there is evidence, for example, that the professional legal adviser is intending to hold or use them for a criminal purpose; privilege is not lost if a professional legal adviser is advising a person who is suspected of having committed a criminal offence. The concept of legal privilege shall apply to the provision of professional legal advice by any agency or organisation.
- **NB 2.** Confidential personal information might, for example, include consultations between a health professional or a professional counsellor and a patient or client, or information from a patient's medical records.

### 1.3 DOES RIPA PART II APPLY TO MY SITUATION?

Is it for the purposes of a specific investigation or a specific operation?

The test is if the surveillance is directed at a known individual or group the provisions of RIPA will cover the investigation. *If the identity of the individual(s) is not known then this fact should be made clear in the application*.

In respect of other situations, such as CCTV cameras that are readily visible to anyone walking around the area, their use is not governed by RIPA. However, if the cameras are used as part of an operation to observe a known individual or group it is very likely that RIPA will apply and an appropriate authorisation will be required. Should an organisation such as the police request direct surveillance then the police authorise the action. The authorisation is then passed to the relevant Strategic Director and the Control Centre Manager for checking.

### Is the surveillance likely to obtain private information about a person?

If it is likely that observations will result in the obtaining of private information about any person, then RIPA may apply.

### If in doubt, it is safer to seek authorisation

### Is the Surveillance Intrusive?

Directed surveillance turns into intrusive surveillance if it is carried out involving anything that occurs on <u>residential</u> premises or any <u>private</u> vehicle and involves the present of someone on the premises or in the vehicle or is carried out by means of a (high quality) surveillance device.

If the device is not on the premises or in the vehicle, it is only intrusive surveillance if it consistently produces information of the same quality as if it were.

Commercial premises and vehicles are therefore excluded from intrusive surveillance.

### The Council is NOT authorised to carry out intrusive surveillance.

Is the surveillance an immediate response to event or circumstances where it is not reasonably practicable to get authorisation?

The Home Office guidance indicates that this is to take account of an immediate response to something happening during the course of an observer's work, which is unforeseeable. If this occurs, the surveillance will not require prior authorisation.

However, if, as a result of an immediate response, a specific investigation subsequently takes place that investigation will be within the scope of *RIPA*.

### 1.4 AUTHORISATIONS, RENEWALS AND DURATION UNDER RIPA PART II

### 1.4.1 The conditions for authorisation

Remember that authorisation must then gain judicial approval. Once the authorisation has been obtained an application must be made to the Magistrates' court. The Solicitor to the Council will provide the necessary designation for the application to be made.

The applicant for judicial authorisation need not be legally qualified and it will, in the majority of cases, be the investigating officer who possesses the most detailed knowledge of the case and the reason why a covert investigation is being sought. The IO will therefore, in the majority of cases, be the most knowledgeable person to both submit and present the application to the Magistrates Court and moreover, answer any questions the court (sitting in private) may have in respect of the application.

Once authorisation is gained from a designated Authorising Officer, the IO should then seek designation from the Solicitor to the Council.

The procedure and process for seeking judicial approval is described in detail in the Home Office Guidance of 2012 at Appendix 7. **All applications should follow this guidance.** 

### **Directed Surveillance**

For directed surveillance no officer shall grant an authorisation for the carrying out of directed surveillance unless he believes:

- a) that an authorisation is <u>necessary</u> that is, it has to be gained to be able to gather the information needed for the detection or prevention of crime. (Also, see Chapter 2 of the relevant Codes of Practice at Appendix 3).
- b) the authorised surveillance is <u>proportionate</u> to what is sought to be achieved by carrying it out and that a sledgehammer is not being used to crack a nut. Any surveillance that is carried out must be at the most appropriate level to achieve the objectives of the investigation. (Additional guidance is available in Chapter 2 of the relevant Codes of Practice at Appendix 3). The Code of Practice gives 'the person granting the authorisation must believe that that they are proportionate to what is sought to be achieved by carrying them out. This involves balancing the intrusiveness of the activity on the target and others who might be affected by it against the need for the activity in operational terms. The activity will not be proportionate if it is excessive in the circumstances of the case or if the information which is sought could reasonably be obtained by other less intrusive means. All such activity should be carefully managed to meet the objective in question and must not be arbitrary or unfair'

An authorisation for directed surveillance under *RIPA* will only be given if the work is:

- 1) for the purpose of detecting or preventing crime or preventing disorder; AND
- 2) The matter involves a criminal offence punishable by a maximum custodial sentence of six months or more or a related to the underage sale of alcohol or tobacco

The onus is on the people authorising the surveillance activity to satisfy themselves that the action to be taken is necessary and proportionate.

In order to ensure that authorising officers have sufficient information to make an informed decision it is important that detailed records are maintained. An application form must be completed (see Appendix 2).

See the flowchart in Appendix 1, page 2.

### **Use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources**

The same principles as Directed Surveillance apply in that the application must be authorised and have obtained judicial approval(see paragraph 1.4.1 above). However, the **CRIME THRESHOLD DOES NOT APPLY TO CHIS AUTHORISATION**. The conduct authorised by a CHIS authorisation is any conduct that:

- a) is comprised in any such activities involving the use of a covert human intelligence source, as are specified or described in the authorisation;
- b) relates to the person who is specified or described as the person to whose actions as a covert human intelligence source the authorisation relates; and
- c) is carried out for the purposes of, or in connection with, the investigation or operation so specified or described.

In order to ensure that authorising officers have sufficient information to make an informed decision it is important that detailed records are maintained. An application form must be completed.

See the flowchart in Appendix 1, page 3.

### 1.4.2 Provisions of RIPA PART II

Authorisations must be in writing. Standard forms are available from the RIPA Public site (which can be found at Appendix 2 or by accessing the W: drive, double clicking Public, then Criminal & other investigation (Forms), then RIPA but officers must ensure that the circumstances of each case are accurately reflected on the application form.

The practical effect of the requirement for approval by a Magistrate is that oral authorisations are no longer available.

Directed surveillance and the use of a CHIS will be applied for on the relevant forms, even if they relate to the same surveillance target.

Authorisations **must** be cancelled as soon as they are no longer required, and, in any event, on or before the expiry date of the authorisation.

Authorisations only last, if not renewed:

- Any authorisation granted or renewed orally, (or by a person whose authorisation was confirmed to urgent cases) expire after 72 hours, this period beginning with the time of the last grant or renewal;
- A written authorisation to use a CHIS expires after 12 months from the date of last renewal or
- in all other cases (i.e. directed surveillance) 3 months from the date of their grant or latest renewal.

Any person entitled to grant a new authorisation, as described above, can renew an existing authorisation, on the same terms as the original authorisation, at any time before the original ceases to have effect.

A CHIS application should not be renewed unless a thorough review has been carried out and the authorising officer has considered the results of the review when deciding whether to renew or not. A review must cover what use has been made of the source, the tasks given to them and information obtained.

### 1.4.3 Factors to Consider

### General

Any person giving an authorisation should satisfy themselves, based on the information in the application and their knowledge of the service that:

- the authorisation is necessary
- the surveillance is proportionate to what it seeks to achieve.

Particular consideration should be given to intrusion on, or interference with, the privacy of persons other than the subject(s) of the application (known as collateral intrusion). Such

collateral intrusion or interference would be a matter of greater concern in cases where there are special sensitivities, for example in cases of premises used by lawyers or for any form of medical or professional counselling or therapy.

An application for an authorisation must include an assessment of the risk of any collateral intrusion or interference. The authorising officer will take this into account, particularly when considering the proportionality of the directed surveillance or the use of a CHIS.

Those carrying out the covert directed surveillance should inform the Authorising Officer if the operation/investigation unexpectedly interferes with the privacy of individuals who are not the original subjects of the investigation or covered by the authorisation in some other way. In some cases the original authorisation may not be sufficient and consideration should be given to whether a separate authorisation is required.

Any person giving an authorisation will also need to be aware of particular sensitivities in the local community where the directed surveillance is taking place or of similar activities being undertaken by other public authorities that could impact on the deployment of surveillance.

The keeper of the central register will inform the Investigating officers of the review time. The <u>Authorising</u> Officer is responsible for ensuring that approvals, reviews, renewals and recommendations for cancellation are made and timely.

### Directed surveillance away from the subject's workplace or in a public area

The fullest consideration should be given in cases where the subject of the surveillance might reasonably expect a high degree of privacy, for instance at his/her home, or where there are special sensitivities. Care must be exercised, particularly in relation to residential premises, to avoid carrying out any surveillance that may be deemed to fall under the definition of Intrusive Surveillance (because a local authority is not empowered to undertake intrusive surveillance).

### **Spiritual Counselling**

No operations should be undertaken in circumstances where investigators believe that surveillance will lead to them intrude on spiritual counselling between a Minister and a member of his/her faith. In this respect, spiritual counselling is defined as conversations with a Minister of Religion acting in his/her official capacity where the person being counselled is seeking or the Minister is imparting forgiveness, or absolution of conscience.

### **Confidential Material**

RIPA does not provide any special protection for confidential material (see the definition in Appendix 1). Nevertheless, such material is particularly sensitive, and is subject to additional safeguard under this code. In cases where the likely consequence of the conduct of a source would be for any person to acquire knowledge of confidential material, the deployment of the source should be subject to special authorisation by the Chief Executive. Where the authorisation is for the obtaining of legally privileged information it can **ONLY** be given by an ordinary Surveillance Commissioner (i.e. one of the commissioners at the Office of Surveillance Commissioners) and **NOT** by an officer of the Council.

In general, any application for an authorisation that is likely to result in the acquisition of confidential material should include an assessment of how likely it is that confidential material will be acquired. Special care should be taken where the target of the investigation is likely to be involved in handling confidential material. Such applications should only be considered in exceptional and compelling circumstances with full regard to the proportionality issues this raises.

The following general principles apply to confidential material acquired under authorisations:

- Those handling material from such operations should be alert to anything that may fall within the definition of confidential material. Where there is doubt as to whether the material is confidential, advice should be sought from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services before further dissemination takes place;
- Confidential material should be disseminated only where an appropriate officer (having sought advice from the Solicitor to the Council) is satisfied that it is necessary for a specific purpose
- The retention or dissemination of such information should be accompanied by a clear warning of its confidential nature. It should be safeguarded by taking reasonable steps to ensure that there is no possibility of it becoming available, or its content being known, to any person whose possession of it might prejudice any criminal or civil proceedings related to the information. Any material of this nature will be reviewed on a monthly basis by the Team Manager.
- Confidential material should be destroyed as soon as it is no longer necessary to retain it for a specified purpose.

### **Combined authorisations**

A single authorisation may combine two or more different authorisations under RIPA (but cannot include an authorisation for intrusive surveillance activity).

In cases of joint working with other agencies on the same operation, authority for directed surveillance by a Housing Benefit Investigator working with a Benefits Agency investigator must be obtained from the Council's authorising officers. Authority can be granted by the authorising officer of another body for the actions of Council staff and vice versa <u>but the</u> <u>wording of the application must be precise. Consult with the Legal Services team for advice prior to considering this course of action.</u>

### Handling and disclosure of the products of surveillance

Authorising Officers are reminded of the guidance relating to the retention and destruction of confidential material as described above.

The Authorising Officer should retain RIPA related documents for a period of 3 years. However, where it is believed that the records could be relevant to pending or future criminal proceedings, they should be retained for a suitable further period, commensurate to any subsequent review.

Authorising officers must ensure compliance with the appropriate data protection requirements and the relevant codes of practice in the handling and storage of material. Where material obtained by surveillance is wholly unrelated to a criminal or other investigation, or to any person who is the subject of the investigation, and there is no reason to believe it will be relevant to future civil or criminal proceedings, it should be destroyed immediately. Consideration of whether or not unrelated material should be destroyed is the responsibility of the Authorising Officer. The Authorising Officer must ensure that the Cancellation form is complete in accordance with the relevant codes.

Material obtained through the proper use of the RIPA authorisation procedures can be used for relevant Council purposes. However, the transfer of such information outside the Council, other than in pursuance of the grounds on which it was obtained, should be authorised only in

the most exceptional circumstances and should always only occur following consideration of the appropriate Data Protection legislation.

### The Use of Covert Human Intelligence Sources (CHIS)

It is not the Council's normal practice to seek, cultivate or develop a relationship with a potential external or professional source, although this action is not precluded if it meets the RIPA conditions. It is possible that a Council employee may be used as a CHIS and nothing in RIPA prevents material obtained by an employee acting as a CHIS being used as evidence in Court proceedings.

The Authorising Officer must consider the safety and welfare of an employee acting as a source, and the foreseeable consequences to others of the tasks they are asked to carry out. A risk assessment should be carried out **before** authorisation is given. (See appendix 1 for risk assessment forms). The safety and welfare of the **individua**l, even after cancellation of the authorisation, should be considered from the very outset.

Before authorising the use of a CHIS (known as a source), a risk assessment must be carried out. Attention is drawn to section 4 of the Code of Practice in the use of a CHIS. The Authority must put in place, before authorisation, a system to manage the source. A person must be appointed to oversee the use of the source. That person will be called the <u>Controller</u> of the source. There must also be a person appointed to take responsibility for the day to day activities of the source, this will include the recording of the information gained. That person will be called the Handler of the source. (See authorisation flowchart in Appendix 1)

The authorising officer must ensure that, as far as is possible, measures are taken to avoid unnecessary intrusion into the lives of those not directly connected with the operation.

Particular care should be taken in circumstances where people would expect a high degree of privacy or where, as a consequence of the authorisation, confidential material is likely to be obtained.

### Confidential material

RIPA does not provide any special protection for confidential material. Nevertheless, such material is particularly sensitive, and is subject to additional safeguards under the relevant Home Office Code. In cases where the likely consequence of the conduct of a CHIS or a directed surveillance operation would be for any person to acquire knowledge of confidential material, the deployment of the CHIS or the carrying out of the surveillance should be subject to special authorisation by the Chief Executive.

Any application for an authorisation that is likely to result in the acquisition of confidential material should include an assessment of how likely it is that confidential material will be acquired.

### **Register of Authorisations**

The Solicitor to the Council is responsible for maintaining a central register of authorisations. The Legal Team will maintain the register, which will record the date of the authorisation, the name of the authorising officer and the location of the file where the authorised application will be retained. The Officer who has authorised the application must contact the Legal Team to provide them with the specified information and to obtain a reference number for the authorisation. This must be done on the day that the application is authorised. The Authorising Officer must then ensure that the authorised application is filed in the location notified to the Legal Team. The original will be kept in the Central register. A **Director** permitted to authorise applications under *RIPA* will ensure that their Team maintains

appropriate files for all applications, approvals and cancellations. Cancellations must be attached to the relevant authorised applications.

# RIPA PART I CHAPTER II – THE ACQUISITION AND DISCLOSURE OF COMMUNICATIONS DATA

### 2.1 INTRODUCTION

Part I Chapter II (sections 21 - 25 of RIPA) came into force on  $5^{th}$  January 2004. It regulates the acquisition and disclosure of communications data. It provides powers for the Council to gain communications information when carrying out investigations. It also regulates information previously gained without regulations, which now has to be authorised.

The process is similar to that of the authorisation of directed surveillance and CHIS, but has extra provisions and processes.

The purpose of the introduction is the same, that is, to protect people's human rights. The effect of not gaining authorisation when needed is the same. The Council leaves itself open to a challenge under the Human Rights Act 1998 and the evidence gained without authorisation may not be admissible in court.

RIPA specifies that the only purpose for which the Council can gather communication data is in the:

'Prevention and detection of crime or preventing disorder'

There is a Code of Practice which has been supplemented by guidance on the effect of changes to RIPA made by the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012.

### Staff should refer to the Home Office Codes of Conduct for supplementary guidance

The Code does not have the force of Statute but are admissible in evidence in any criminal and civil proceedings.

### 2.2 WHAT IS COMMUNICATIONS DATA?

The definition of communications data includes information relating to the use of a communications service but it does not include the contents of the communication itself. It is broadly split into 3 categories:

- Traffic data where a communication was made from, to who and when
- Service data the use made of a service by any person e.g. itemised telephone records
- Subscriber data any other information held or obtained by an operator on a person they
  provided a service to.

This Council is restricted to subscriber and service use data and even then only for the purpose of preventing or detecting crime and disorder. For example a benefit fraud investigator may be able to get access to an alleged fraudster's mobile phone bills.

The word 'data' in relation to a postal item means anything written on the outside such as an address. Officers at the Council have previously been able to apply for the new address of a person that they were investigating, that is the re direction details. A request form was

completed and the post office supplied the information. This activity is now regulated and authorisation needs to be gained.

THE CODE DOES NOT COVER THE INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS (IE THE CONTENTS OF ANY COMMUNICATIONS INCLUDING THE CONTENT OF AN E-MAIL, OR INTERACTION WITH WEB SITES).

### 2.3 AUTHORISATIONS, NOTICES, RENEWALS AND DURATION

### 2.3.1 AUTHORISATIONS AND NOTICES

The Code states that a 'designated person', must decide whether authorisation is necessary and proportionate to the action to be taken. The designated person is in effect the Authorising Officer. The designated persons at this Council are the Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Directors, Head of Communities and Head of Regulatory Services.

There are two ways to authorise access to communications data.

- (a) Authorisation under 22(3). This allows the authority to collect the data itself. This may be appropriate where:
  - The postal or telecommunications operator is not capable of collecting or retrieving the communications data;
  - It is believed that the investigation may be prejudiced if the postal or telecommunications operator is asked to collect the data itself;
  - There is a prior agreement in place between the relevant public authority and the postal or telecommunications operator as to the appropriate mechanisms for the disclosure of data; or
  - (b) By a notice under section 22(4). A notice is given to a postal or telecommunications operator and requires that operator to collect or retrieve the data and provide it to the authority.

The designated person decides whether or not an authorisation should be granted.

The designated person must take account of the following points when deciding whether to authorise the application or not.

- Is the accessing of data for the prevention or detection of crime or disorder?
- Why is obtaining the data necessary for that purpose?
- Is obtaining access to the data by the conduct authorised proportionate to what is being sort to be achieved? That is what conduct are you authorising and is it proportionate?
- Is the accessing of the data likely to result in collateral intrusion? If so, is the access still justified?
- Is any urgent time scale justified?

The designated person will make a decision whether to grant the authorisation based upon the application made. The application form is at Appendix 2. The application form should subsequently record whether or not the application was approved or not, by whom and the date. A copy of the application must be kept by the officer until it has been inspected by the Commissioner.

If the application is authorised by a designated Authorising Officer, it will then be necessary for an application for Judicial Approval to be made.

Due to the nature of the role of the SPoC, for applications relating to communications data, the Solicitor to the Council will designate the SPOC officer to be the applicant for the purposes of making and presenting the application to the magistrates. **The SPoC must not acquire the data via a communications service provider (CSP) or via automated systems until the order approving the authorisation has been granted.** Once granted, the notice needs to be served. The notice is served upon the postal or telecommunications officer only.

The application form and the authorisation itself are not served upon the holder of the communications data. The authorisation and notice are in the standard form and are at Appendix 2.

The postal or telecommunications service can charge for providing the information.

### 2.3.2 PROVISIONS OF RIPA

### Single Point Of Contact (SPOC)

Notices and authorisations for communications data should be channelled through a SPOC. The Code states that this is to provide an effective system in that the SPOC will deal with the postal or telecommunications operator on a regular basis. Jackie Aimson has been allocated the role of the SPOC. The SPOC will advise the Authorising Officer/designated person on whether an authorisation and/ or notice is appropriate.

The single point of contact should be in a position to:

- Where appropriate, assess whether access to communications data is reasonably practical for the postal or telecommunications operator;
- Advise applicants and designated persons on the practicalities of accessing different types of communications data from different postal or telecommunications operators;
- Advise applicants and designated persons on whether communications data falls under section 21(4)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act. That is traffic, service or subscriber data;
- Provide safeguards for authentication;
- Assess any cost and resource implications to both the public authority and the telecommunications operator.

### **Oral Authority**

This route is **NOT** available to the Council.

### **Duration**

Authorisations and notices will only be valid for one month beginning from when it was granted. If the information can be collected in a shorter time period then that should be specified. This would accord with the proportionality element of the decision making.

The postal or telecommunications operator need only comply with the request if it is reasonably practicable to do so.

### Renewal

An authorisation or notice can be renewed at any point during the month that it is valid by following the same procedure as in obtaining a fresh authorisation.

### **Cancellations**

The duty to cancel falls on the designated person who authorised it. The notice shall be cancelled as soon as it is no longer necessary or is no longer proportionate to what is being sort to be achieved.

Authorisations should also be cancelled.

In the case of a section 22(4) notice, the postal or communications operator shall be informed of the cancellation.

### Retention

Applications, authorisations and notices will be retained by the authority until they have been audited by the Commissioner. The authority should also keep a record of the dates that the notices and authorisations were started and cancelled. A copy of each form should be kept by the investigating Team and the originals kept in the Central Register. Is shall be the responsibility of the designated person to ensure that the records are accurate and kept up to date.

### **Combined Authorisations**

Applications for communications data may only be made by persons in the same authority as a designated person. There cannot, therefore, be any combined authorisations.

### **Errors**

Where any errors have occurred in the granting of authorisations or the giving of notices, a record should be kept and a report and explanation sent to the Commissioner as soon as practical.

### 3 BENEFITS OF OBTAINING AUTHORISATIONS UNDER RIPA

Authorisation of surveillance, human intelligence sources and the acquisition and disclosure of communications data.

RIPA states that:

"if authorisation confers entitlement to engage in a certain conduct and the conduct is in accordance with the authorisation, then it shall be "lawful for all purposes".

Failure to comply with the requirements of RIPA may render any evidence you place before the courts subject to challenge in respect of the processes used to obtain the evidence (s78 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984).

RIPA states that a person shall not be subject to any civil liability in relation to any conduct of his which –

a)is incidental to any conduct that is lawful by virtue of an authorisation; and

b)is not itself conduct for which an authorisation is capable of being granted under a relevant enactment and might reasonably be expected to have been sought in the case in question.

However, **IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT** about whether a course of action requires an authorisation, **GET IT AUTHORISED**. (If you are unable to secure an authorisation it is likely that your application does not comply with the law).

### 4 SCRUTINY AND TRIBUNAL

*RIPA* set up the Office of the Surveillance Commissioner to regulate the conduct of public bodies and to monitor their compliance with *RIPA*. The Chief Surveillance Commissioner will keep under review, among other things, the exercise and performance of duties, imposed in *RIPA* by the persons on whom those duties are conferred or imposed. This includes authorising directed surveillance and the use of covert human intelligence sources.

A tribunal has been established to consider and determine complaints made under *RIPA* if it is the appropriate forum. Persons aggrieved by conduct, e.g. directed surveillance, can make complaints. The forum hears application on a judicial review basis. Claims should be brought within one year unless it is just and equitable to extend that period.

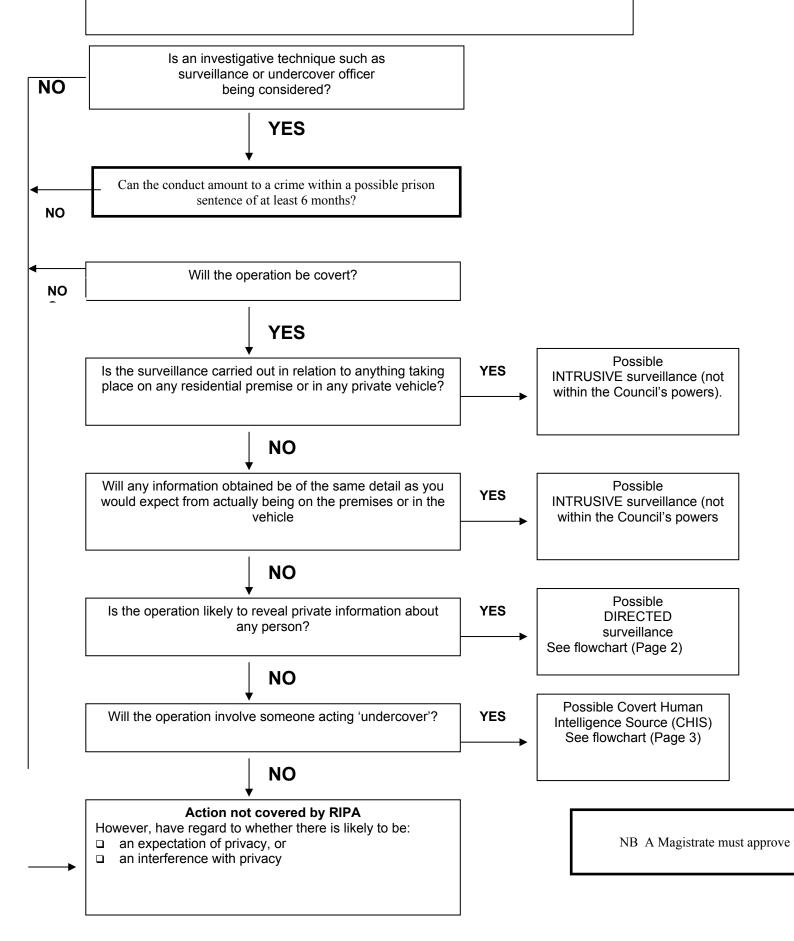
The tribunal can order, among other things, the quashing or cancellation of any warrant or authorisation and can order destruction of any records or information obtained by using a warrant or authorisation, and records of information held by any public authority in relation to any person. The Council is, however, under a duty to disclose or provide to the tribunal all documents they require if:

- A Council officer has granted any authorisation under RIPA.
- Council employees have engaged in any conduct as a result of such authorisation.
- A disclosure notice requirement is given

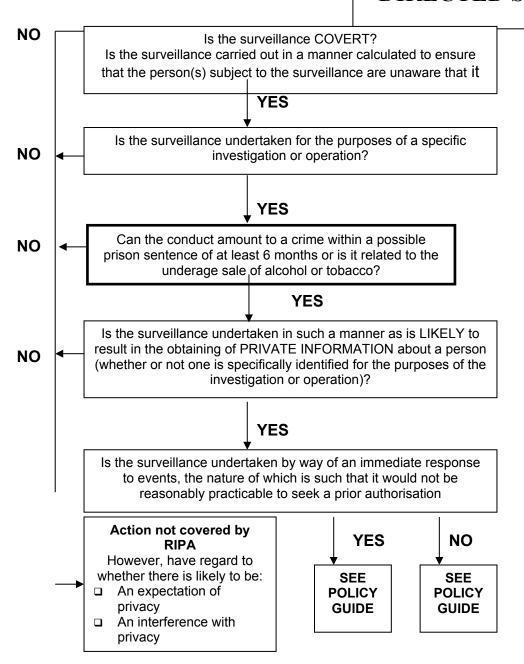
# **APPENDIX 1 – Process Flowcharts**

- Surveillance summary
- Directed surveillance
- Covert human intelligence source
- Authorisation Flowchart
- Risk assessment forms

# SURVEILLANCE SUMMARY



### DIRECTED SURVEILLANCE



### **INTERPRETATION**

**COVERT** see section 26(9) RIPA

**SURVEILLANCE** see Section 48(2) to 48(4) RIPA includes monitoring, observing or listening to persons, their movements, their conversations or their activities or communications.

**DIRECTED SURVEILLANCE** see Section 26(2) RIPA

**PERSON** see Section 81(1) RIPA. Includes any organisation and any association or combination of persons

**PRIVATE INFORMATION** see Section 26(10) RIPA in relation to a person, includes any information relating to his private or family life.

'Private Information' should be given a wide interpretation and should not be restricted to what might be considered to be 'secret' or 'personal' information. Information that is in the open for all to see (for example: who is visiting a premise) may be deemed to be private information.

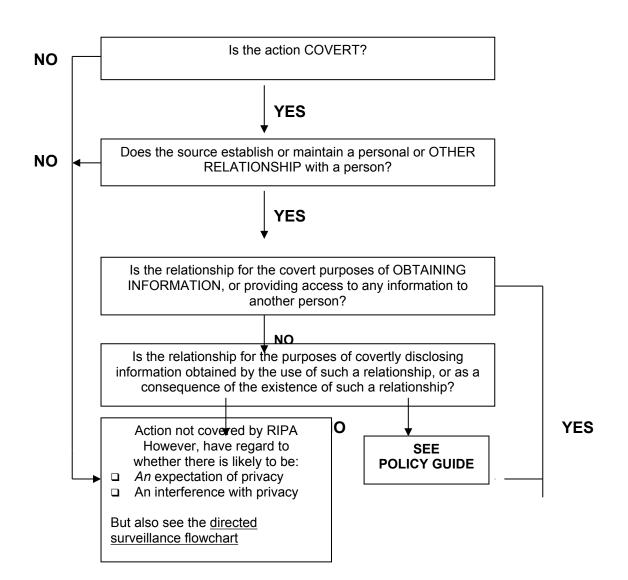
**CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL** see paragraph 3 of the Code of Practice confidential information includes matters subject to legal privilege, confidential journalistic material and confidential personal information, for example medical records or religious material.

For further interpretation see Sections 48 & 81 RIPA, including Explanatory Notes to RIPA & Codes of Practice on Covert Surveillance & Use of a CHIS

NB. A Magistrate must approve the authorisation

### APPENDIX 1: Page 3

### **COVERT HUMAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCE**



### **INTERPRETATION**

COVERT see section 26(9) RIPA

COVERT PURPOSES. see Section 26(9)(b)&(c) RIPA

**CHIS** See Section 26(8) RIPA. The use of a CHIS is NOT surveillance. (see Section 48(3) RIPA)

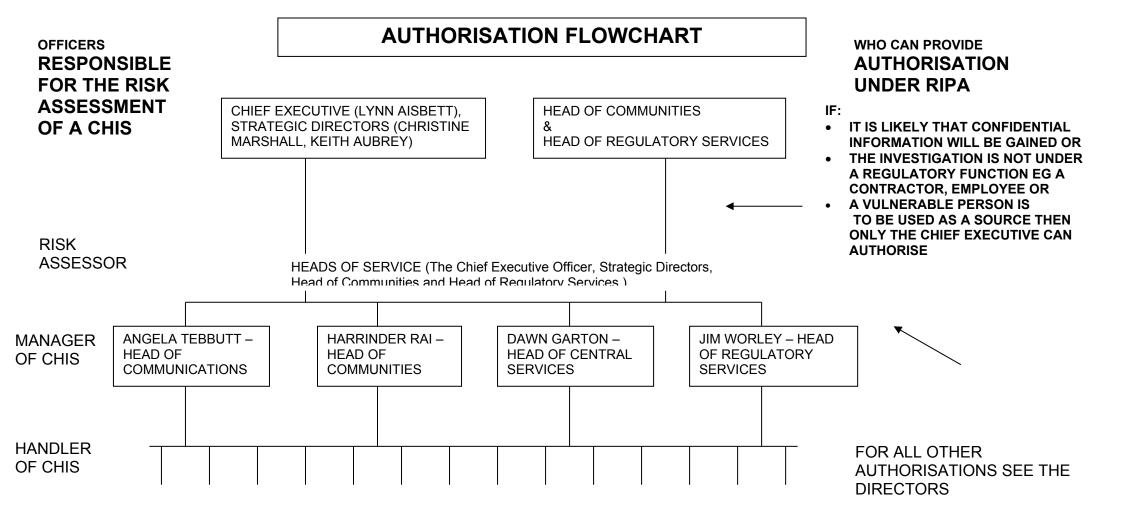
**PERSONAL OR OTHER RELATIONSHIP** This is not defined, but a wide interpretation should be applied.

**INFORMATION** This is not defined but section talks about information in general and is not restricted to private information as is the case with directed surveillance

**CONFIDENTIAL MATERIAL** see paragraph 3 of the Code of Practice confidential information includes matters subject to legal privilege, confidential journalistic material and confidential personal information, for example medical records or religious material.

For further interpretation see Sections 48 & 81 RIPA, including Explanatory Notes to RIPA & Codes of Practice on Covert

NB. A Magistrate must approve the authorisation



INVESTIGATING OFFICERS

SITE:	Melton B.C	TASK BEING ASSESSED	DATE:	00-00-20
AREA:	Test page	Type item to be assessed.	RECORD NO:	

No:	TASK/ACTIVITY	NO OF P.A.R.	FREQ. OF EXP.	ASSOCIATED HAZZARDS	EXISTING CONTROLS	L	RES RISK FACT	ACTIONS TO ELIMINATE/CONTROL	WHO RESPONSIBLE WHEN	ISRES &RISK FACT
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2								r		
3										
4										
5										

### **GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT - GUIDANCE NOTES**

# NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT RISK 1-2 PEOPLE 1 3-7 PEOPLE 2 8-15 PEOPLE 4 16-50 PEOPLE 8 12-50 PEOPLE 12

### FREQUENCY OF EXPOSURE

- 1 INFREQUENT
- 2 ANNUALLY3 MONTHLY
- 4 WEEKLY
- 5 DAILY
- 6 HOURLY
- 7 CONSTANTLY

### LEGAL STANDARD

COSHH WORK EQUIPMENT NOISE MANUAL HANDLING

SIGNS ELECTRICITY FIRE ASBESTOS LEAD FIRST AID PPE DSE

### RESIDUAL RISK FACTOR

LIKELIHOOD x SEVERITY = HIGH, MED OR LOW

### HAZARD PROMPT LIST – NON EXHAUSTIVE

Falls from height

Falls of objects from a height

Walking on slippery/uneven

floors

Manual handling

Use of machines

Operation of vehicles

Fire

Mechanical lifting operations

High Noise levels

Biological agents

Ionising radiation

Vibration

Use of hand tools

Adverse Weather

Stacking

Moving Machinery/Parts

Behaviour/attitude

Excavation work

Stored energy

Flammable, explosive materials

Chemicals/dust

Hot/cold surfaces

Lighting

Confined spaces

### Housekeeping

Repetitive Movement

Static posture

**Cleaning Operations** 

Maintenance

Electricity

Compressed air

Violence

Stress

L I K E L I H O O D

5					
4					
3					
2			1 MEDIUM		
1	LOW				
	1	2	3	4	5

SEVERITY

1 - 4 NO ACTION	5-9 ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED	10 – 25 ACTION REQUIRED	PAGE 3

### **APPENDIX 2 – Blank forms**

### **RIPA PART II**

- Application for authorisation to carry out directed surveillance
- Application for renewal of authorisation for directed surveillance
- Review of directed surveillance authorisation
- Cancellation of directed surveillance authorisation
- Application for authorisation of the use or conduct of a CHIS
- Application for renewal of the use or conduct of a CHIS
- Review of a CHIS authorisation
- Cancellation of the use or conduct of a CHIS
- Application for judicial approval for authorisation

### RIPA PART I CHAPTER II

- Application for authorisation to obtain disclosure of communications data
- Notice to request disclosure of communication data.
- SPOC officer report
- SPOC officer log sheet

Unique Reference Number	

# Part II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

## **Authorisation Directed Surveillance**

Public Authority (including full address)			
Name of Applicant		Unit/Branch / Division	
Full Address			
Contact Details			
Investigation/Operation Name (if applicable)			
Investigating Officer (if a applicant)	person other than the		

[	DETAILS OF APPLICATION
1.	Give rank or position of authorising officer in accordance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2010 No. 521. 1
2.	Describe the purpose of the specific operation or investigation.
2	Describe in detail the conveillance enception to be putherized and concepted downtien including any
Э.	Describe in detail the surveillance operation to be authorised and expected duration, including any premises, vehicles or equipment (e.g. camera, binoculars, recorder) that may be used.
4.	The identities, where known, of those to be subject of the directed surveillance.
	Name:
	<ul><li>Address:</li><li>DOB:</li></ul>
	Other information as appropriate:
5.	Explain the information that it is desired to obtain as a result of the directed surveillance.

**Unique Reference Number** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For local authorities: The exact position of the authorising officer should be given. For example, Head of Trading Standards. 2010-09 DS Application

Unique Reference Number	
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6.	Identify on which grounds the directed surveillance is <u>necessary</u> under Section 28(3) of RIPA. Delete those that are inapplicable. Ensure that you know which of these grounds you are entitled to rely on (SI 2010 No.521).
•	In the interests of national security;
•	For the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or of preventing disorder;
•	In the interests of the economic well-being of the United Kingdom;
•	In the interests of public safety;
•	for the purpose of protecting public health;
•	for the purpose of assessing or collecting any tax, duty, levy or other imposition, contribution or charge payable to a government department;
7.	Explain $\underline{why}$ this directed surveillance is necessary on the grounds you have identified [Code paragraph 3.3].
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8.	Supply details of any potential collateral intrusion and why the intrusion is unavoidable. [Bear in mind Code paragraphs 3.8 to 3.11.]  Describe precautions you will take to minimise collateral intrusion.
9.	Explain why this directed surveillance is proportionate to what it seeks to achieve. How intrusive might it be on the subject of surveillance or on others? And why is this intrusion outweighed by the
	need for surveillance in operational terms or can the evidence be obtained by any other means [Code paragraphs 3.4 to 3.7]?
10	. Confidential information [Code paragraphs 4.1 to 4.31].
INI	DICATE THE LIKELIHOOD OF ACQUIRING ANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

	Unique Reference Number						
11. Applicant's Details							
Name (print)		Tel No:					
Grade/Rank		Date					
Signature							
12. Authorising Officer this and the follow	's Statement. [Spell out ing box. ]	the "5 Ws" – Who	; What;	Where; When; Why and H	IOW- in		
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14. (Confidential Info paragraphs 4.1 to	ormation Authorisation 4.31.	.) Supply detail	demonstr	rating com	pliance w	ith Code		
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Date of fi	rst review							
	quent reviews of this au first review are known.							
Name (Print)		Grade / Rank						
Signature		Date and time						
	[ e.g.: authorisation gra	nted on 1 April						
2005 - expires on 30 J	une 2005, 23.59 ]							

	15. Urgent Authorisation [Code paragraph 5.9]: Authorising officer: explain why you considered the case so urgent that an oral instead of a written authorisation was given.							
1	16. If you are only ent	titled to act in urgent	cases: explain	whv	it was n	ot reasonably i	practicable for the	
		onsidered by a fully qua						
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	Jrgent authorisation		Expiry time:					
E	Expiry date:							
F	Remember the 72 hour	e.g. authorisation						
	rule for urgent nuthorities - check Code	granted at 5pm on						
	HITTOPITIES - CHECK I AGE	June 1 <sup>st</sup> expires						

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# Part II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Renewal of a Directed Surveillance Authorisation

including full address)			
Name of Applicant		Unit/Branch / Division	
Full Address			
Contact Details			
Investigation/Operation Name (if applicable)			
Renewal Number			
Details of renewal:			
1. Renewal numbers and	d dates of any previous	renewals.	
Renewal Number	Date		
2. Detail any significan applies at the time of the	t changes to the inform renewal.	nation as listed in the ori	ginal authorisation as it

**Public Authority** 

3. Detail the reasons why it	is necessary to continue	with the directed	surveillance.
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4. Detail why the directed so	irveillance is still proport	ionate to what it	seeks to achieve.
5. Indicate the content and value to the investigation or operation of the info			
obtained by the directed surv	emance.		
6. Give details of the results	of the regular reviews o	f the investigation	n or operation.
. Applicant's Details			T
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**Unique Reference Number** 

		Unique Reference Number	
8	Authorising Officer's Comments.	This box must be completed.	
	Authorising officer 5 comments.	This box must be completed.	
	9. Authorising Officer's Statement		
	I, [insert name], hereby authorise the renewal of this authorisation will last fo		operation as detailed above. The
	This authorisation will be reviewed freq	uently to assess the need for the auth	orisation to continue.
N	lame (Print)	Grade / Ran	k
		_	
S	Signature	Date	
R	Renewal From: Time:	Date:	
Da	ate of first review.		
	ate of subsequent reviews of his authorisation.		

# Part II of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Review of a Directed Surveillance authorisation

(including address)			
Applicant		Unit/Branch /Division	
Full Address			
Contact Details			
Operation Name		Operation Number* *Filing Ref	
Date of authorisation or last renewal		Expiry date of authorisation or last renewal	
		Review Number	
Details of review:			
1. Review number and	d dates of any previou	ıs reviews.	
Review Number	Date		
2. Summary of the invest value of the informatio		, including what private in	formation has been obtained and the
3. Detail the reasons	why it is necessary to	continue with the dire	ected surveillance.

4. Explain how the proposed activity is still proportionate to what it seeks to achieve.

**Public Authority** 

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	Detail any incidents of cointrusions occurring.	llateral intrusion and the likelihoo	d of any further incidents of collateral
	Give details of any conficential information.	lential information acquired or ac	cessed and the likelihood of acquiring
7.	Applicant's Details		
Name (	(Print)	Tel No	
Grade/	Rank	Date	
Signature  S. Boviou Officer's Comments in		ts. including whether or not the dir	ected surveillance should continue.
o. Review officer's comments, in		,	
	9. Authorising Office	r's Statement.	
		agree that the directed surveillanc e [until its next review/renewal][it sho	e investigation/operation as detailed above uld be cancelled immediately].
			1
Name (F	Print)	Grade / R	ank

	Unique Refere	nce Number	
Signature		Date	
10 Date of next review			 $\neg$

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#### **Cancellation of a Directed Surveillance authorisation**

Public Authority (including full address)		
Name of Applicant	Unit/Branch / Division	
Full Address		
Contact Details		
Investigation/Operation Name (if applicable)		
Details of cancellation:		
. Explain the reason(s) for the	e cancellation of the authorisation:	

1.

	Unique Ref	erence Number	
2. Explain the value of surve	llance in the operation		
3. Authorising officer's state	ment.		
I, [insert name], hereby author above.	ise the cancellation of th	ne directed surveillance	e investigation/operation as detailed
Name (Print)		Grad	le
Signature		Date	
Signature Date			
4. The said Date of other th		-ttd-th	
4. Time and Date of when the	e authorising officer ins	structed the surveilla	ince to cease.
Date:		Time:	
5. Authorisation cancelled.	Date:		Time:

CHIS Unique Reference Number (URN) (to be supplied	
by the central monitoring officer).	

### Application for authorisation of the conduct or use of a Covert Human Intelligence Source (CHIS)

Public Authority (including full address)		
Name of Applicant	Service/Departme /Branch	nt
How will the source be referred to(i.e. what will be his/her pseudonym or reference number)?		
What is the name, rank or position of the person within the relevant investigating authority who will have day to day responsibility for dealing with the source, including the source's security and welfare (often referred to as the Handler)?		
What is the name, rank or position of another person within the relevant investigating authority who will have general oversight of the use made of the source (often referred to as the Controller)?		
Who will be responsible for retaining (in secure, strictly controlled conditions, with need-to-know access) the source's true identity, a record of the use made of the source and the particulars required under RIP (Source Records) Regulations 2000 (SI 2000/2725)?		
Investigation/Operation Name (if applicable)		

CHIS Unique Reference Number (URN) (to be supplied	
by the central monitoring officer).	

DETAI	LS OF APPLICATION		
1.	Give rank or position of authorising officer in accordance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2010 No. 521. <sup>2</sup> Where appropriate throughout amend references to the Order relevant to your authority.		
2.	Describe the purpose of the specific operation or investigation.		
3.	Describe in detail the purpose for which the source will be tasked or used.		
4.	Describe in detail the proposed covert conduct of the source or <u>how</u> the source is to be used.		
5.	5. Identify on which grounds the conduct or the use of the source is <u>necessary</u> under Section 29(3) of RIPA. Delete those that are inapplicable. Ensure that you know which		

of these grounds you are entitled to rely on (eg. SI 2010 No.521).

For the purpose of preventing or detecting crime or of preventing disorder;

In the interests of national security;

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  For local authorities: The formal position of the authorising officer should be given. For example, Head of Trading Standards. 2010-09 CHIS Application

CHIS Unique Reference Number (URN) (to be supplied by the central monitoring officer).

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•	In t	the interests of public safety;
•	for	the purpose of protecting public health;
•		the purpose of assessing or collecting any tax, duty, levy or other imposition, contribution or arge payable to a government department.
	6.	Explain $\underline{\text{why}}$ this conduct or use of the source is necessary on the grounds you have identified [Code paragraph 3.2].
	_	
	/.	Supply details of any potential collateral intrusion and why the intrusion is unavoidable. [Bear in mind Code paragraphs 3.8 to 3.11.]
	ı	Describe precautions you will take to minimise collateral intrusion and how any will be
		managed.
	8.	Are there any particular sensitivities in the local community where the source is to be used? Are similar activities being undertaken by other public authorities that could impact on the deployment of the source (see Code paragraphs 3.17 to 3.18)?
	_	Dravide an accessment of the rick to the course in corruing out the proposed conduct
	9.	Provide an assessment of the risk to the source in carrying out the proposed conduct (see Code paragraph 6.14).

	by the central monitoring o	fficer).			
10. Explain v	why this conduct or use of	the source is proportiona	te to what it seeks to ach	ieve.	
How intri	rusive might it be on the outweighed by the need for the need for the need for the needs [Continue]	e subject(s) of surveillan or a source in operational	ice or on others? How i	s this	
	tial information [Code par				
Indicate	the likelihood of acquiring	g any confidential informa	ition.		
References for any other linked authorisations:					
12. Applican	t's Details.				
Name (print)		Grade/Rank/Position			
Signature		Tel No:			
Date					

CHIS Unique Reference Number (URN) (to be supplied

13. Authorising Officer's Statement. [Spell out the "5 Ws" – Who; What; Where; When; Why and HOW – in this and the following box.] The AUTHORISATION SHOULD IDENTIFY THE PSEUDONYM OR REFERENCE NUMBER OF THE SOURCE, NOT THE TRUE IDENTITY.

by the central monitoring officer).			
14. Explain why you believe the conduct or u			
Explain why you believe the conduct of sought to be achieved by their engagem	r use of the sourc ent [Code paragra	e to be proportionate t phs 3.3 to 3.5].	to what is
15. Confidential Information Authorisation. paragraphs 4.1 to 4.21	Supply details den	nonstrating compliance	with Code
16. Date of first review:			
17. Programme for subsequent reviews of t Only complete this box if review dates a to set additional review dates, then leav	ifter first review ai	Code paragraphs 5.15 are known. If not, or ina	and 5.16]. ppropriate
18. Authorising Officer's Details			

CHIS Unique Reference Number (URN) (to be supplied

Name (Print)		Grade/Rank/Position		
Signature		Time and date granted* Time and date authorisation ends		
nember, an au nrs 3 June 200		pe granted for a 12 month pe	eriod, i.e. 170	0 hrs 4 <sup>th</sup> June 20
19. Urgent Aut	horisation [Code p	aragraphs 5.13 and 5.14]: Aunt that an oral instead of a wri		
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### Application for renewal of a Covert Human Intelligence Source (CHIS) Authorisation

	(Please attach the origin	al authorisation)	
Public Authority including full address)			
Name of Applicant	U	nit/Branch	
Full Address			
Contact Details			
Pseudonym or reference number of source			
Investigation/Operation Name (if applicable)			
Renewal Number			
Details of renewal:			
	nd dates of any previous rer	newals.	
Renewal Number	Date		

2. Detail any significant changes to the information as listed in the original authorisation as it applies

3. Detail why it is necessary to continue with the authorisation, including details of any tasking given to the source.  4. Detail why the use or conduct of the source is still proportionate to what it seeks to achieve.  5. Detail the use made of the source in the period since the grant of authorisation or, as the case may be, latest renewal of the authorisation.		(*Filing Ref)	
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Signature		Date	
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		End date/time of the authorisation	

Unique Operation Reference Number\* (\*Filing Ref)

NB. Renewal takes effect at the time/date of the original authorisation would have ceased but for the renewal

Date of first review:	
Date of subsequent reviews of this authorisation:	

#### Review of a Covert Human Intelligence Source (CHIS) Authorisation

Public Authority (including full address)		
Applicant	Unit/Branch	
Full Address		
Contact Details		
Pseudonym or reference number of source		
Operation Name	Operation Number * *Filing Ref	
Date of authorisation or last renewal	Expiry date of authorisation or last renewal	
Review Number		

#### **Details of review:**

1. Review number and o	dates of any previous reviews.
Review Number	Date
2. Summary of the inve	stigation/operation to date, including what information has been obtained information so far obtained.
3. Detail the reasons wi	hy it is necessary to continue using a Covert Human Intelligence Source.
4 Explain how the n	roposed activity is still proportionate to what it seeks to achieve.
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8. Applicant's Details			
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Grade/Rank		Date	
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9. Review Officer's Comm	nents, including wheth	er or not the use	or conduct of the
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Cancellation of an authorisation for the use or conduct of a Covert Human Intelligence Source

(including full address)		
Name of Applicant	Unit/Branch	
Full Address		
Contact Details		
Pseudonym or reference number of source		
Investigation/Operation Name (if applicable)		

**Public Authority** 

Details of cancellation:		
Explain the reason(s) for the	he cancellation of the authorisation:	
2. Explain the value of the	source in the operation:	
3. Authorising officer's stat	ement. This should identify the pseudonym or reference	CE NUMBER OF THE SOURCE NOT
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4 Time and Date of when the	he authorising officer instructed the use of the sour	so to sooso
		ce to cease.
Date:	Time:	

Application for judicial approval for authorisation to obtain or disclose communications data, to use a covert human intelligence source or to conduct directed surveillance. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 sections 23A, 23B, 32A, 32B.
Local authority:
Local authority department:
Offence under investigation:
Address of premises or identity of subject:
Covert technique requested: (tick one and specify details)
Communications Data
Covert Human Intelligence Source
Directed Surveillance
Summary of details
Note: this application should be read in conjunction with the attached RIPA authorisation/RIPA application or notice.
Investigating Officer:
Authorising Officer/Designated Person:
Officer(s) appearing before JP:
Address of applicant department:
Contact telephone number:
Contact email address (optional):
Local authority reference:

Number of pages:

## Order made on an application for judicial approval for authorisation to obtain or disclose communications data, to use a covert human intelligence source or to conduct directed surveillance. Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 sections 23A, 23B, 32A, 32B.

Magistrates' court:
Having considered the application, I (tick one):
am satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the requirements of the Act were satisfied and remain satisfied, and that the relevant conditions are satisfied and I therefore approve the grant or renewal of the authorisation/notice.
refuse to approve the grant or renewal of the authorisation/notice.
refuse to approve the grant or renewal and quash the authorisation/notice.
Notes
Reasons
Signed:
Date:
Time:
Full name:
Address of magistrates' court:

<sup>(</sup>a) 2000 c. 23.

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#### Chapter II of Part I of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

#### **Application for Communications Data**

1) Applicant's Name		4) Unique Reference Number						
2) Office, Rank or Position		5) Applicant's Telephone Number.						
3) Applicant's Email Address		6) Applicant's Fax Number						
7) Operation Name		8) STATUTORY PURPOS	SE					
(if applicable)		Click here for options:-						
9) COMMUNICATIONS DATA  Describe the communications data required, specifying, where relevant, any historic or future date(s) and, where appropriate, time period(s)								
10) NECESSITY State the nature of the investigation or operation and how it relates to a purpose at question 8 Give a short explanation of the crime (or other purpose), the suspect, victim or witness and the phone or communications address and how all these three link together.								
11) PROPORTIONALITY  State why obtaining the communications data is proportionate to what you are seeking to achieve  Outline what is expected to be achieved from obtaining the data and explain how the level of intrusion is justified when taking into consideration the benefit the data will give to the investigation. When considering the benefits to the investigation or operation, can the level of intrusion be justified against the individual's right to privacy? Explain why you have requested the specific date/time periods i.e. how these are proportionate.								
12) COLLATERAL INTRUSION  Consider and, where appropriate, describe any meaningful collateral intrusion – the extent to which the privacy of any individual not under investigation may be infringed and why that intrusion is justified in the circumstances  If you have identified any meaningful degree of collateral intrusion, explain what it is.								
12) TIMESCALE								
13) TIMESCALE Identify and explain the data is required	ne timescale within which the							
14) APPLICANT								
-	the SPoC of any change in circu	imstances that no longe	r justifies the acquisition					
Applicant's Signature		Date						

<sup>(</sup>a) 2000 c. 23.

15) ASSESSMENT	BY ACCREDITED SPoC.						
How much will th	e acquisition of the data cost?						
For example, the requirements of the requirements of the second of the s	nably practical for the CSP to do; nadverse cost or resource implication to public authority or the CSP (for instance estigation or operation have the analytical undertake analysis of the communications						
Name of Accredite	ed SPoC						
16) AUTHORISAT	ION (Completed by Accredited SPo	C when appropriate	)				
Specify the reason why the collection of communications data by means of an authorisation is appropriate:  ☐ There is an agreement in place between the public authority and the CSP relating to the appropriate mechanisms for the disclosure of the data ◆  ☐ The designated person considers there is a requirement to identify to whom a service is provided (for example subscriber check) but a CSP has yet to be conclusively determined as the holder of the communications data ◆  ☐ CSP is not capable of obtaining or disclosing the communications data ▲							
Describe the communications data to be acquired specifying, where relevant, any historic or future date and/or time periods sought.  Describe the course of conduct required to obtain the data.  □ ◆Traffic or Service Use data – acquisition by SPoC or directly from CSP □ ◆ Subscriber Information – acquisition by SPoC or where SPoC can not acquire data directly from CSP serve assurance of the Authorisation on CSP³ □ ▲Other conduct – specify							
The statutory purpose for which the conduct may be authorised is set out at section 8 of this form.  The office, rank or position of the designated person should be recorded within section 17 of this form together with a record of the date & time the granting of an authorisation is made.							
17. DESIGNATED	PERSON						
<ul> <li>The Designated Person considers the application and if approved records their considerations:</li> <li>Why do you believe acquiring the communications data is necessary for one of the purposes within section 22(2) of the Act;</li> <li>Why do you believe the conduct involved in obtaining the data is proportionate to the objective(s)? In making that judgement you should take in consideration any additional information from the SPoC. If the applicant has identified any meaningful degree of collateral intrusion, why you believe the request remains justified and proportionate to the objective(s)?</li> </ul>							
My considerations	s in approving / not approving this	application are:					
	e conduct to be undertaken by the SPoC nd require the SPoC to serve it on (inse nce number		16 of this form The Notice bears the				
Name		Office, Rank or Position					

<sup>(</sup>a) 2000 c. 23. (b) 1997 c.50; section 91(1) has been amended by S.I. 1999/1747.

re Time and Date
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See paragraph 3.30 of the code

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#### **NOTICE**

#### Section 22(4) of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

Where it appears to the designated person that a CSP is or may be in possession of, or be capable of obtaining, any communications data, the designated person may, by notice require the CSP -

- (a) if the CSP is not already in possession of the data, to obtain the data; and
- (b) in any case, to disclose all of the data in his possession or subsequently obtained by him.
- S. 22(6) It is the duty of the CSP to comply with any notice given to him under subsection (4).

Other SPoC Reference*	Unique Reference						
	Number of Notice						
Details of the CSP	Name of the CSP						
	Address of CSP						
	For attention of						
Statutory Purpose Click here for	r options:-						
Designated Person Giving Notice	Name of the DP						
	Name of the Bi						
	Office, rank or position						
This Notice is valid for one month	, , p						
when given by the Designated	Date Notice given and if appropriate the time						
Person							
Describe the communications data to be acquired specifying, where	Data applied for						
relevant, any historic or future date							
and/or time periods sought.	Time period (if applicable)						
URGENT (DCG Grade 1 or 2) may	DCG Grading Scheme						
only be initiated by SPoC and will	Click here for options:-						
require liaison with CSP staff.	Click liefe for options:-						
DCG Grade 3 – SPoC may indicate	Grade 3: If, and only if there is a specific or critical time issue						
any specific or critical time issues	state the 'target date' for the disclosure of the data						
such as bail dates, court dates,							
persons in police custody, specific	Explain the reason for the setting of a target date						
line of investigation in serious crime							
(S.81(2) RIPA) investigation and the acquisition of data will directly assist	<u> </u>						
in the prevention or detection of the	<u> </u>						
crime.	during their inspections of law enforcement agencies						
Specify the manner in which the	Click here for options:-						
data should be disclosed							
SPoC Office Contact Details and Address <sup>4</sup>	TEL FAX						
Address	FMATI DOCTAL						
	EMAIL POSTAL						
If there is a specific or critical time	Name of Accredited SPoC						
issue indicated or the matter is DCG	Name of Accieuited Spoc						
Grade 1 or 2 URGENT then the	Mob TEL Reminder: If you have requested a "24/7"						
Accredited SPoC contact details MUST be completed	response from the CSP make sure you supply sufficient contact details so						
Most be completed	that you and your SPoC colleagues can be easily contacted						
Date Notice served ar	nd if appropriate the time						

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> CSPs must ensure the data is returned to a verified SPoC email or fax number. For information about how a CSP may verify the identity of a SPoC by use of the SPoC PIN list, contact commsdata@homeoffice.qsi.qov.uk

<sup>(</sup>a) 2000 c. 23.

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	SPOC OFFICER REPORT													
SPOC Ref. No.							Арј	olication	Ref. No					
Estimate of co	st to obt	tain th	е							•		21 (4)(b)	•	21(4)(c)
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Adverse Impa Public Authori		Yes	•	No	•	Details								
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SPOC Officer Name Time and Date

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#### **SPOC LOG SHEET**

#### TELEPHONE NUMBER/OTHER ------

SPOC Ref. No.	Application Ref. No.	

URN of Notice or Authorisation (if appropriate)	Summary of Enquiry Time and Date CSP or other person whom SPOC spoke to Result (If appropriate who was the information passed onto and in what format and at what time and date) or any other information which may be relevant to this case	1	Nam e of SPO C

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