

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet member finance, corporate services and planning

Title	Approval of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and Procedures
Decision maker	Cabinet member finance, corporate services and planning Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	21 July 2021
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	Strategic nature / impact on communities
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) policy which replaces the previous policy. RIPA provides the legal framework for a local authority to conduct covert surveillance techniques. The legislation ensures that any surveillance activity conducted by the council is legal, proportionate and necessary.
Decision	That: a) the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy is approved.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Id=50037833
Options considered	1. There is a legal requirement for a public authority to hold an updated policy.

Declarations of interest (see ▪ below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	27 July 2021

<p>Councillor:</p> <p>Councillor Liz Harvey</p> <p>Cabinet member finance, corporate services and planning</p>	<p>Date 21 July 2021</p>
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- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;
- and
- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.