



## SOUTH HOLLAND

### DELEGATED DECISION RECORD

This records a key or other decision taken by the Cabinet in accordance with the Council's scheme of Delegations (as set out in Section D of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution).

Unless the Leader and the Chairman of the Performance Monitoring Panel certify that the matter is so urgent that the normal five-day scrutiny delay on action should not apply, then this decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of five working days after the publication of the decision, unless called in under the call-in procedures as set out in Section D of Part 3 of the Council's Constitution.

Decision Maker	Cabinet – 13 February 2024
Report Title	Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 - Partnership Policy
Summary Background	To seek approval from Cabinet for the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – Partnership Policy for South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership following consideration at Policy Development Panel.
Author / Contact Officer	Christian Allen – Assistant Director Regulatory and Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for RIPA
Ward(s) Affected	
Urgent?	No
Key Decision?	No
In Key Decision Plan?	N/A
Date of Decision	13 February 2024
Date Published	14 February 2024
Call-In Expiry	21 February 2024
Exempt Information?	No
Decision (Action Agreed)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 - Partnership Policy be approved;</li> <li>2) That the Assistant Director Regulatory / Senior Responsible Officer, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be given delegated authority to make such amendments to this policy as may from time to time be required in order to (i) reference any links or amended links to other documents as may be required; and (ii) reflect any issues over which the Council has no discretion including, but not limited to, references to any legislative changes and amended guidance. Any material amendments to the policy would be subject to the usual approval process in line with the Constitution.</li> </ol>

Reason(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that Members were aware of the duties imposed on the Council by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and the requirement to adopt a Policy that was up to date, relevant and fit for purpose.</li> <li>• To ensure Members were informed about RIPA activity, policy and procedures demonstrates good governance and an organisational commitment to the obligations imposed by RIPA on public bodies</li> </ul>
Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To retain independent, sovereign policy to meet the obligations imposed by RIPA on South Holland District Council.</li> <li>• This option had not been explored as economies of scale, efficiencies and shared learning could be optimised by harmonising our approach to RIPA across the Partnership. This sub regional approach also accorded with the objectives set out in the Memorandum of Agreement and the Business Case for the South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership.</li> </ul>
Further Information	