

## Record of Officer Decision

### Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Policies

#### Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Director of Corporate Services on 12 January 2024

#### Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

Torbay Council's RIPA (Regulation of Investigation Power's Act) Policy and Guidance Manual has been reviewed and updated to reflect changes in legislation and national guidance.

Alongside the above the Council has developed a policy for the Use of Social Media in Investigations – this provides guidance to staff who may be using social media content to undertake searches on individuals or to assist in any investigations they are conducting.

#### Decision Taken:

RIPA Policy and Guidance Manual approved for publication and use.

Use of Social Media in Investigations Policy approved for publication and use.

#### Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

The Council must have these policies in place and must be subject to regular review.

#### Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

None considered or required.

#### Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

#### Implementation:

This decision will be implemented immediately.

A copy of this decision and any supporting documentation considered by the Officer taking this decision may also be available for inspection by the public at the Council's offices or posted upon payment of any copying and postage charges. Any member of the public wishing to take up either of these options is asked to please ring (01803) 207087 or email [governance.support@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:governance.support@torbay.gov.uk)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_12 January 2024\_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Corporate Services