

**Item GP 18/12 referred from General Purposes Committee minutes of
25 June 2018**

**GP 18/12 INVESTIGATORY POWERS COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
INSPECTION REPORT - THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY
POWERS ACT 2000**

The Director of Central Services advised that, in order to ensure that public authorities carried out covert activities in a lawful manner, the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO) conducted regular reviews of the Council's policies and procedures. Annex 1 to the report set out details of a recent, telephone-based, review undertaken by the Assistant Surveillance Commissioner, His Honour Brian Barker. The Assistant Surveillance Commissioner's report had recommended a number of minor amendments to the Corporate Surveillance Guidance, the inclusion of advice on the use of social media and recognised the need to update officers and provide training as a priority.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the Inspection report of the Assistant Surveillance Commissioner be noted;
and
- (2) the revised Corporate Surveillance Guidance, set out in Annex 2 to the report, be commended for adoption by the Council.

***Referred to Council**