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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 15</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	<b>17TH MARCH 2011</b>	<b>CATEGORY: DELEGATED</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A</b>
<b>MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:</b>	<b>FRANK McARDLE (595700)</b>	
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS</b>	
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM</b>

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That the revised list of Authorised Officers/Designated Persons in the Council's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and Guidance document, as outlined in paragraph 3.2 of the report, be approved.
- 1.2 That the current post of Senior Legal Officer (Litigation and Common Law) within the Corporate Services Division be identified as the RIPA Co-ordinating Officer.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To review the list of Authorised Officers/Designated Persons in the Council's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and Guidance document, following the recent Senior Management Restructuring.

### **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 Members are reminded that at the Full Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010, Members approved the Council's Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and Guidance document in light of amendments to legislation and the revised Code of Practice. This document identified the following Authorising Officers to consider all applications for authorisation in accordance with RIPA:-

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>AUTHORISING OFFICER/DESIGNATED PERSON</b>
Chief Executive's	Chief Executive
Corporate Services	Director of Corporate Services
Community Services	Director of Community Services
Legal & Democratic Services	Head of Legal & Democratic Services Monitoring Officer

3.2 Following the recent Senior Management Restructuring, it is now necessary to review the list of Authorised Officers and the following Officers are now recommended:-

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>AUTHORISING OFFICER/DESIGNATED PERSON</b>
Chief Executive's	Chief Executive
Operations	Director of Operations Monitoring Officer
Corporate Services	Head of Corporate Services

3.3 In addition, it is also recommended that the current post of Senior Legal Officer (Litigation and Common Law) within the Corporate Services Division is identified as the RIPA Co-ordinating Officer.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 None

#### **5.0 Background Papers**

5.1 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and Guidance document