

Report to Cabinet

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1. **Purpose of this Report**

To obtain approval for amendment to the Council's RIPA Policy and Procedure.

2. Background

The Council's RIPA Policy and Procedure was adopted by Cabinet, on 2 March 2006.

Amendments were made to the Policy and Procedure in July 2006 following recommendations made by the Office of the Surveillance Commissioners' (OSC) Inspector.

A new Procedures and Guidance document was issued by the OSC in December 2008 and for the first time made available to public authorities.

At it's last meeting the Nottingham Districts Working Group agreed that as a matter of good practice this should be appended to and form part of the Council's Policy and Procedure.

A copy of the OSC Procedures and Guidance Document is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3. **Resource Implications**

None

4. **Recommendations**

The OSC Procedures and Guidance document be included as an Appendix to the Council's adopted RIPA Policy and Procedure.