**TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

| DATE OF DECISION | 29th October 2012 | DECISION MAKER |
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| DECISION REFERENCE | E/29.10.12-7 | **Executive** (Councillors Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Hyman, Mitchell, Williams and M. Young) |

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Changes to the Law Relating to Local Authority Surveillance: The Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

1. That the content of the Report be noted, and approval be given to the amendments to the Council's Policy on the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA).
2. That, as the legislative changes come into effect on 1st November 2012 but the Home Office guidance for Magistrates Court was not available until very recently, the Executive consider this report as a matter of urgency and that the report not be subject to the Council's call in procedures.
3. That the Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise the forms in Annex B of the above policy to be used to apply to the Magistrates Court for authority to carry out covert surveillance.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure compliance with Mandatory legislation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

None - the legislation is mandatory.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

**IMPLEMENTATION DATE**

**With immediate effect.** (This decision has been deemed to be urgent and is therefore not subject to call-in.)

**PUBLICATION DATE**

1st November 2012

**RECORDED BY:**

Acting Director of Legal & Democratic Services

**RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES DIVISION, 6TH FLOOR, QUAY WEST, TRAFFORD WHARF ROAD, TRAFFORD PARK, M17 1HH, AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER.**