

Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)

The Council maintains a RIPA policy that includes identification of Officers employed within Dorset Council appointed to roles identified with that policy. Officers appointed to such roles have power to undertake all action ascribed to those roles in any relevant legislation and any policy adopted by the Council in relation to RIPA.

Any Officer employed by Dorset Council or any partner of Dorset Council who is appointed to undertake the role of RIPA Officer on behalf of the Council shall have power to undertake all action to update the RIPA policy at any time to reflect changes to Officers appointed to roles within the RIPA policy.

Notwithstanding any other provision in this Officer Scheme an Officer who is identified in any relevant RIPA policy to authorise surveillance cannot nominate any other Officer to exercise the power on his/her behalf.

In the absence of any Officer being identified in a RIPA policy to authorise surveillance the following Officers shall be able to exercise such a power to the extent identified.

<u>Post</u>	<u>Purpose of Authorisation</u>
Chief Executive	All purposes (including where there is a likelihood of acquiring confidential information)
Monitoring Officer	All purposes (including but only in the absence of the Chief Executive where there is a likelihood of acquiring confidential information)
Executive Director for Economy & Environment	All purposes for Environment Services (but excluding where there is a likelihood of acquiring confidential information)