

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....15th September 2022

1. Title of Item/Report

Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) Complaints -  
Local Authority Report for Stockton-on-Tees for 2021/22  
Regulation of Investigatory Powers (RIPA) Act 2000 - 2021 Annual  
Return

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that provided details of the LGSC Ombudsman's annual review letter for the Council for 2021/22. There were 34 enquiries submitted to the Ombudsman during the year, of these 13 met the threshold for a detailed investigation by the Ombudsman. Of the 13 complaint investigations, 5 were upheld. All recommendations made by the Ombudsman, following their investigations, had been implemented. No formal public interest reports had been published.

The annual statistics for 2021, identified the use of the powers available to the Local Authority through the RIPA Act 2000. The Authority returned a zero usage during calendar year 2021.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The report which sets out that no LGSCO formal public interest reports have been received be noted.
2. It be noted effective procedures remain in place to ensure that all learning from Ombudsman recommendations and findings take place.
3. The authorities use of RIPA powers in 2021 be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To ensure Members are aware of the position regarding complaints to the Ombudsman about the Council.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None.

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None.

6. Details of any Dispensations

None.

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Midnight Monday 26 September 2022

Proper Officer  
20 September 2022