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5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Ms Scott,

Thank you for providing IPCO with your response to the matters identified at points 1 to 9 of my Secretariat's letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. I apologise for the delay in your receiving the letter owing to it initially being sent to the email address of a former Council Leader. I am also grateful for the subsequent engagement between my Inspector [REDACTED] and your Ms Jessica Anderson (Governance Team Leader) as they followed up on the information that had been provided.

I am satisfied that your reply provides your assurance that ongoing compliance with RIP(S)A 2000 and the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 will be maintained. As such, your Council will not require further inspection this year.

I would ask that you ensure that the key compliance issues continue to receive the necessary internal governance and oversight through yourself and your Senior Responsible Officer: policy refreshes; annual updates to your Elected Members; ongoing training and awareness raising; internal compliance monitoring by lead managers within their business areas; and the retention, review and destruction (RRD) of any product obtained through the use of covert powers (Records and Product Management in accordance with the Safeguards Chapters of the relevant Codes of Practice).

Your Council will be due its next inspection in 2026, but please do not hesitate to contact my Office if IPCO can be of assistance in the intervening period.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

**The Rt. Hon. Sir Brian Leveson**  
The Investigatory Powers Commissioner

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