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Dear Ms Shimmin,

Thank you for providing IPCO with your response to the matters identified at points 1 to 10 of my Secretariat's letter dated 4th July 2023. I am also grateful for the subsequent engagement with my Inspector as they followed up on the information you had provided. This was with Ms Maria Damigos (Principal Solicitor) and related to feedback on the two authorisations granted since the previous inspection in 2020.

I am satisfied that your reply provides your assurance that ongoing compliance with RIPA 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,



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