

**APPENDIX 1 - SUMMARY OF QUARTER 3 RIPA AUTHORISATIONS**

<b>CS0002</b>	<b>Summary information</b>
Service area:	Community Safety
Date URN granted:	12 April 2013
Application on correct form?	Yes
Date of gatekeeper clearance:	19 November 2013
Date of authorisation:	3 December 2013
Date of Court approval	17 December 2013 (to commence 6 January 2014)
Expiry date and time:	5 April 2014
Scheduled review date(s):	None
Dates of reviews:	None
Cancellation:	Not active at time of writing
Total time open:	N/A
Type of covert investigation:	Directed surveillance
Subject matter of investigation:	Tobacco sales
Necessity:	The action was considered necessary in light of reports that target premises are engaged in unlawful sales of tobacco, including sales to underage purchasers. Section 7 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 makes it a criminal offence to sell tobacco to a child under the age of 18 and this is an offence for which the Council may grant a RIPA authorisation. Covert recording of test purchases would enable the Council to determine whether offences are occurring.
Proportionality:	Tobacco is a highly regulated product and there is a need specifically to protect children. Other methods of enforcement are considered unlikely to be successful. Reports of illegal sales continue in spite of previous prosecutions, warnings and cautions.
Collateral intrusion:	There is potential for collateral intrusion by capturing images of other shoppers. This is to be minimised by limiting the time the camera is working, as much as possible. It is proposed to delete recordings where no illegal sale takes place.
Outcome:	The operation had not been approved by the Court at the time of writing.

