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REQUEST

I would like to know the following:

- Can you state, for each year, how many occasions the council has invoked the powers of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act during the financial years of 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 2013/14.
- For each instance of the powers being invoked can you provide a brief description of the the reason for invoking the RIPA powers.
- For each instance of the powers being invoked can you state the outcome. E.g. whether a conviction was secured, a penalty notice issued or no further action was taken.

RESPONSE

Further to your FOI request in respect of RIPA investigations, please find the answers to your questions below:-

Year	Type of Investigation	Description	Outcome
2011/12	Directed surveillance	Benefit Fraud investigation	No sanction action taken
	Directed surveillance	Internal Audit investigation	Surveillance cancelled
	Directed surveillance	Environmental Services investigation (fly tipping)	No action taken
2012/13	Directed surveillance	Benefit Fraud investigation	Overpayment created. No sanction action taken.
	Directed surveillance	Benefit Fraud investigation	No fraud established
2013/14	None		