

## KEY DECISION

### POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

**Title and Reference – PCC.D. 147**

**Subject: Section 22 Agreements – documented as decision**

**Report of:** Police and Crime Commissioner

**Date:** 01.11.2019

#### Summary

**Review of all S22 which have been passed during the PCC appointment since 2016 – ensuring they have been documented throughout a decision.**

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2019** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the updated collaboration of the Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) functions between Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies.

The original agreement, was reviewed and amended in 2017. This agreement has now been refreshed regarding regional DVI arrangements, and the force lead has transferred from Suffolk to Bedfordshire Constabulary (Joint Protective Services) with refreshed terminology.

The Police and Crime Commissioner should sign the revised Section 22A Agreement to effect the collaborative arrangements for the purpose of providing efficient and effective policing.

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2019** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the amended collaboration agreement for the Chiltern Transport Consortium between the nine corporations sole (the Chief Constables of Bedfordshire Police, British Transport Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire Constabulary, Thames Valley Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Hertfordshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Police).

The Section 22A Agreement is made between the nine corporations sole (the Chief Constables of Bedfordshire, British Transport Police, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Thames Valley Police and the Police and Crime Commissioners for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Thames Valley Police).

**13<sup>th</sup> March 2019** - An extension to the existing S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) to the Seven Force Strategic Collaboration Programme. The agreement established a programme to progress consideration of joint working amongst them in areas of potential collaboration to help address the efficiency of service delivery. The programme is known as the Seven Force Strategic Collaboration and the original agreement is due to expire on the 31st March 2019. This agreement has been updated and extended for a further two years until 31st March 2021.

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2019** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the provision of a Single 7 Force Procurement function between the Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners from; Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk, and Suffolk.

A single 7 Force Procurement Function under one leadership and governance structure (rather than the current three), will be better placed to enable, and maximise, the savings both now and in the future. This will be targeted through strategic and contractual harmonisation, exploiting synergy and aggregation of expenditure for goods and services across core services to the benefit of all the partners in the group.

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2018** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the provision of a 7 Force Firearms Training Compliance function between the Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners from; Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk, and Suffolk. Agreed to the proposal to enable the development of common training and accreditation standards, standardised equipment and use standardised tactics. This will mean that armed officers will be more interoperable and be in a better position to deploy seamlessly anywhere within the 7 forces where the threat and risk assessment justifies it.

Norfolk & Suffolk along with Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire will move onto an interim transitional licence on 1st April 2018; and for Essex and Kent to transition a year later on 1st April 2019.

**2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the revised collaboration agreement for Public Contact function between Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire constabularies. Agreed to the recommendations made by the Strategic Alliance to accept the proposal to take option 2 as the appropriate and logical way forward for the Public Contact Function. This option will require the existing Sec 22 agreement to be updated.

**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the updated collaboration of the Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) functions between Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies. This agreement is due for renewal and the opportunity to review the original agreement has been taken in order to make it consistent with recent S22a agreements. The legal teams in Essex, Herts and Norfolk/Suffolk have developed and agreed the wording of the agreement.

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2017** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the updated collaboration of the Criminal Justice and Custody functions between Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary.

Agreed to the proposal from the BCH strategic Alliance to update the existing Sec 22 agreement ("the Agreement") to reflect the Criminal Justice phase 2 implementation under

the Police Act (as amended) to effect the collaborative arrangements for the purpose of providing efficient and effective policing.

As a result of Criminal Justice phase 2 implementation, effective from the 1st June 2017, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire (BCH) Chief officers requested that a new agreement be drafted incorporating the amendments required. The amendments are as follows:

- Addition of Criminal Justice (CJ) phase 2 functions and associated key performance indicators.
- Updated financial protocol to reflect added CJ phase 2 functions
- Review of financial protocol relating to Custody functions.

At the BCH Strategic Alliance meeting on the 1st June 2017 proposed amendments to the existing Sec 22 agreement were endorsed by the strategic partners. Approved that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Force should sign the updated Section 22A Agreement to effect the collaborative arrangements for the purpose of providing efficient and effective policing.

**16<sup>th</sup> November 2016** - S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the updated collaboration agreement for the Public Contact function between the six corporations sole (the Chief Constables of Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Hertfordshire Constabulary).

Agreed the proposal to update the existing Section 22A Agreement for Public Contact to a single leadership team for Bedfordshire Police, Cambridgeshire Constabulary ("the Constabulary"), and Hertfordshire Police. The Section 22A Agreement is made between the six corporations sole (the Chief Constables of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire and the Police and Crime Commissioners for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire).

## **Recommendation**

**To note decision**

**Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner**

**I hereby approve the recommendations above.**

**Signature**

**Date 20.11.2019**



