

KEY DECISION

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR BEDFORDSHIRE

Title and Reference – PCC.D. 157

Subject: Section 22 Agreements – documented as decision

Report of: Police and Crime Commissioner

Date: 14.09.2020

Summary

Previous S22 agreements were disclosed in Decision Notice PCC.D.147. This decision notice documents all S22 agreements/amendments made since the last decision on 01.11.2019.

This decision documents the review of all S22 which have been passed since 01.11.2020 to 14.09.2020 – ensuring they have been documented throughout a decision.

July 2020 - BCH Criminal Justice function Section 22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended). Details of the updated Section 22 Collaboration Agreements for Criminal Justice Department and Custody for the six corporations sole (the Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire) was reported and approved by the Commissioners Business Coordination Board in June 2017

Following amendments to this agreement the Police and Crime Commissioner was briefed accordingly and agreed to the proposed changes – updated position operationally and reflecting Custody and Senior Management Team/Policy and Performance team being collaborated just between Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire forces.

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

May 2020 - Contract to enable the extension of forensic services for a further 18 months - Following updates from the National Police Chiefs Council and the 7 Forces Strategic Governance Board meeting in September 2019 it was recommended that the Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners agree to extend the contract for Forensic Science services for a period of 18 months from July 2020.

The Police and Crime Commissioner was briefed accordingly and agreed to the recommendation made by the 7 Forces Strategic Governance Board to agree to extend the Forensic Services contract.

March 2020 - Sec 22A under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) to amend the collaboration agreement of Joint Protective Services 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. The Joint Protective Services (JPS) Sec 22A agreement was updated and taken the Police and Crime Commissioners Business Coordination Board in June 2016. The Board approved the amended Sec 22A agreement

Since June 2016 a number of changes have been made to JPS which were approved by Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Joint Chief Officer Board in March 2020, and the Sec 22A agreement has been updated.

In addition, reference to 'Community Support Officer, Detention Officer and Escort Officer' have been removed as these posts are not applicable to JPS and Cambridgeshire has been removed and Bedfordshire inserted as Lead Force.

The amendments to the existing Sec 22A for JPS were approved by Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Joint Chief Officer Board in March 2020

February 2020 - Sec 22A under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) to authorise the constabulary's contribution towards the purchase of property for the ERSOU Estate and sign the Declaration of Trust. The Property is being purchased between Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk and Suffolk constabulary's. The Police and Crime Commissioner's Business Co-ordination Board ("the Board") meeting of the 8th January and the 25th February discussed the proposal for the Cambridge constabulary financial contribution to ERSOU for the joint purchase of operational property with the 7 force collaboration, subject to a satisfactory S22 Agreement drafted by Bedfordshire Police on behalf of the 7 force.

The Board agreed that the Commissioner should sign the Sec 22A agreement and the Declaration of Trust confirming that all partners have a have a beneficial interest in the Property, the percentage of their beneficial share being the percentage of the original sum they contributed towards the Property.

January 2020 – S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) for the Modern Slavery Police Transformation Fund Programme. Following a consultation on the Modern Slavery Transformation Programme by the Strategic Oversight board, it was agreed to extend the programme until March 2020.

December 2019 – Amended Seven Force Strategic Collaboration Programme S22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended). Following a meeting of the Eastern Region Alliance Summit in October 2019, all parties agreed to the amended 7 Forcer Collaboration Agreement, effective from 1st December 2019.

The new agreement remains predominately unchanged from that which was signed in February 2017, and that subject to an annual review, funding for the programme will be aligned to the new agreement and the Eastern Regions Alliance Summit will receive an annual funding request from the Senior Responsible Owner and agree the funding arrangement for the Programme team for the following financial year.

December 2019 – Amended Section 22 - Agreement for Service Provision by the Cameras Tickets and Collisions Unit. Further to a Camera, Ticket and Collisions Unit report taken to the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Strategic Alliance Summit on the 1st April 2019, the Police and Crime Commissioner was briefed on the proposal to amend the original Sec 22 Agreement which sets out the how governance, operational enforcement priorities, financial liabilities, funding and revenue from the collaborated unit would be shared.

The original agreement, was reviewed and considered by both the Finance and Resources committee and Full Police Authority in June 2012 and a Decision Notice signed by the Commissioner to that effect in April 2013. Further to a CTC report taken to the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Strategic Alliance Summit on the 1st April 2019, all parties were in agreement to the proposal to amend the original Sec 22 Agreement which sets out the how governance, operational enforcement priorities, financial liabilities, funding and revenue from the collaborated unit would be shared.

It is proposed to transfer of ownership of CTC from Joint Protective Services (Bedfordshire) to Operational Support in Hertfordshire.

Benefits of the move to a co-ordinating force model for employees include, same terms and conditions and consistent messaging from the home force. Hertfordshire will hold direction and control of CTC and accountability of staff. The transfer of the service will trigger a TUPE of staff providing the CTC service and an amendment to the Section 22 Agreement. In addition, to meet the increase in demand (collisions, camera offences, and file work previously undertaken by the CPS) CTC resources will be increased to 143FTE's, previously they were set at 115 FTE's.

Recommendation

To note decision

Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.



Signature
Date 16.09.2020