



Agenda Item 12.0

To: Business Coordination Board

From: Chief Executive

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SECTION 22A COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS FOR: JOINT PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DEPARTMENT

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Business Coordination Board ("the Board") with details of the rationale for signing the updated Section 22A Collaboration Agreements under the Police Act 1996 (as amended) ("the S22A Agreements") for the continued collaboration of Joint Protective Services (JPS) and Professional Standards Department (PSD) for the six corporations sole (the Chief Constables of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire and the Police and Crime Commissioners for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire) that have formed a Strategic Alliance Summit (the "Alliance").

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Board is recommended to approve the signing of the S22A Agreements to update the existing Section 22 Agreements for Joint Protective Services and the Professional Standards Department.

- 2.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) signs the Decision Notices to sign the S22A Agreements approve the updated Section 22A Agreements for the ongoing collaboration of JPS and PSD.

3. Background

- 3.1 Sections 22A and 23 Police Act 1996 (as amended) (“the Act”) enable the Chief Officers of one or more police forces and two or more policing bodies to make an Agreement relating to:

- *the discharge of functions of the members of the Chief Officer’s forces (“force collaboration provision”) and for such other provision as shall be referred to in this agreement. “Functions” comprise all and any of the powers and duties of police forces, and/or*
- *the provision about support by a policing body for the police force which another policing body is responsible for maintaining (“policing body and force collaboration provision”). “Support” includes the provision of premises, equipment, staff, services and facilities.*

Provided that:

- *the Chief Officers think that such an agreement is in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of one or more police forces, and*
- *the policing bodies think that the agreement is in the interests of the efficiency and effectiveness of one of or more policing bodies or police forces.*

- 3.2 Through the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (Section 89) the presumption is now in favour of collaboration, i.e. joint working should be taken forward where in the opinion of Chief Officers or policing body collaboration delivers greater efficiency or effectiveness.

- 3.3 The Alliance has already collaborated a number of operational (e.g. JPS functions), operational support (e.g. Local Criminal Justice Board administration) and organisational support (e.g. PSD, Procurement) functions. In December 2013 they signed a ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ to foster further organisational and operational support service collaboration where greater efficiency and effectiveness is supported. To date seven business cases have been agreed and section 22A Agreements signed (i.e. Firearms Licensing, Human Resources, Public Contact implementation, Criminal Justice phase 1, Custody, Information Communication Technology and Information Management) in addition to progressing a number of joint enabling initiatives (i.e. the Athena policing system and a single Human Resource & Finance system).

- 3.4 The Offices of the Police and Crime Commissioners Chair governance boards have been established for JPS, Operational Support and Organisational Support to provide more detailed scrutiny.

4. Joint Protective Services (JPS)

- 4.1 The function which is the subject of the proposed updated Section 22A Agreement is the continued development of a fully collaborated Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire (“BCH”) JPS Department as well as the senior management structure which will have operational responsibility and accountability for ‘business as usual’ service provision. The purpose of the function is to plan and manage the transition to a BCH JPS Department as a fully collaborated function whilst ensuring current service continues to be delivered.
- 4.2 The following functions are within the scope of the agreement:
- Camera Tickets and Collisions
 - Roads Policing and Automatic Number Plate Recognition
 - Dogs Section
 - Armed Policing Unit
 - Ops Planning Support
 - Civil Contingencies
 - Scientific Services
 - Major Crime Unit
- 4.3 The proposed Section 22 Agreement for JPS builds on the previous section 22 agreement (signed by the six corporations sole in December 2013), places it into the shared services framework and provides and update to the apportionment rates between the organisations.
- 5. Professional Standards Department (PSD)**
- 5.1 The function which is the subject of the proposed updated Section 22A Agreement is the maintenance of a fully collaborated BCH PSD as well as maintaining a senior management structure which will have operational responsibility and accountability for ‘business as usual’ service provision. The purpose of the function is to ensure current service continues to be delivered.
- 5.2 The functions within scope are as follows:
- Anti-Corruption Unit
 - Gross Misconduct Investigation
 - Complaint Investigations
 - Business Support
 - Recording
 - Performance
 - Appeals
- 5.3 The proposed Section 22A Agreement for PSD builds on the previous Section 22 Agreement (signed by the six corporations sole in March 2015), places it into the shared services framework and provides and update to the apportionment rates between the organisations.

6. Next steps

- 6.1 The Section 22 Agreements are in the process of being finalised and are due to be signed by the six corporations sole at the Strategic Alliance Summit on 19 July 2016.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 The Board is recommended to approve the signing of the S22A Agreements to update the existing Section 22 Agreements for Joint Protective Services and the Professional Standards Department.
- 7.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) signs the Decision Notices to sign the S22A Agreements approve the updated Section 22A Agreements for the ongoing collaboration of Joint Protective Services and the Professional Standards Department.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Source Document(s)	Draft Sec 22A agreements as discussed at the BCH Strategic Alliance 3 rd June 2016
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