



To: Business Coordination Board
From: Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
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Collaboration Update

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides an update on recent collaboration activity.

2. Recommendation

2.1 For work to continue to best define how collaboration can be used to drive efficiency and effectiveness of policing in Cambridgeshire.

3. Background

3.1 There are many levels of collaboration within Cambridgeshire ranging from national collaboration for air support, regional collaboration within the Eastern Region Serious and Organised Crime Unit and the preferred partnership relationship with Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire.

4. Regional Collaboration

4.1 At the Eastern Region Commissioner, Chief Executives and Chief Constables first meeting on 11 April they endorsed the importance of regional collaboration and heard presentations on the Eastern Region Serious Organised Crime Unit and Project Athena. They agreed to meet on quarterly basis to ensure both an appropriate understanding of existing work and exploration of opportunities for future collaboration.

5. BCH Strategic Alliance

5.1 The Chief Constables and Commissioners from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire met on the 16 April to discuss the future of collaboration and the

three force Strategic Alliance.

- 5.2 At the meeting Hertfordshire Constabulary announced its decision to take a step back from any future collaboration and explore the benefits of outsourcing policing functions which do not require warranted powers.
- 5.3 It was agreed the collaboration of protective services already in existence will continue to be fully supported, together with those in the pipeline. All three Chief Constables and Commissioners recognise the value of these teams in maintaining force resilience and keeping people across the three counties as safe as possible. A Memorandum of Understanding is being developed to provide an appropriate governance structure for these remaining collaborated units.
- 5.4 In June 2012, the Finance and Resource Committee of the Police Authority considered the business case for BCH collaboration of Cameras, Ticket and Collisions (CTC) functions and recommended that the Full Police Authority endorsed their recommendation to approve the CTC Business case with finalisation of the section 22 agreement delegated to the Authority Chairman and the Chief Executive. Following positive consultation and work to bring this collaboration to fruition it is recommended this collaboration agreement is signed. This function will be integrated within the existing Roads Policing Unit.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 Work is now underway to reflect on the decision of Hertfordshire Constabulary and determine the best way forward with respect to collaboration to drive efficiency and effectiveness of Cambridgeshire's Policing.
- 6.2 A section 22 agreement is signed enabling completion of the collaboration across Bedfordshire Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire of the Cameras, Ticket and Collisions function.

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