

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR  
WEST MERCIA**



**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE: Regional Counter Terror Policing Collaboration**

Ref: PCC/D/2020/09

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Chief Constables and PCCs across the four west midlands police forces (West Mercia, West Midlands, Staffordshire and Warwickshire) are seeking to form a new, collaborated, regional approach to counter terrorism policing.

The objective is to enable a more effective and consistent approach.

The legislation around such collaboration arrangements requires formal sign off from the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner from each respective participating force.

**PROPOSAL**

It is proposed that the West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner supports and signs up to the section 22A and 23 agreements required to formalise the collaboration arrangement between the regional forces.

**APPROVAL OF  
West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed

## **PART 1 – NON-CONFIDENTIAL/EXEMPT FACTS AND FIGURES**

### **SUPPORTING REPORT**

Chief Constables and PCCs across the four regional West Midlands police forces have been asked to sign a collaboration agreement for the provision of regional counter terrorism policing. This is in line with the recommendations of a national review

The objective is to enable more effective engagement with other agencies and ensure a more consistent approach.

The section 22A and 23 agreement will cover a period of 12 months from 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021. This may be extended if required and agreed by the relevant parties, although the intention is to form a national collaboration agreement from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

Commitments regarding resourcing have been confirmed and agreed with each constituent police force, along with arrangements around operational direction and control, strategic responsibility and day-to-day tasking and co-ordination.

Benefits of the new collaboration arrangements are expected to include a more efficient and effective counter terror response across the region, greater sharing of information, and improved continuity.

Progress of the collaboration will be monitored regularly.

### **FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

Resourcing will come from existing force budgets. No significant additional financial pressures are expected as a result of the collaboration, which is expected to realise efficiencies for the partners involved.

### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

### **PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Assistant Chief Executive Officer**

Signature .....  ..... Date 16<sup>th</sup> April 2020