

RECORD OF DECISION

TITLE: Forensics Collision Investigation Network Expansion

Ref: PCC/D/2021/25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The national Forensic Collision Investigation Network (FCIN) collaboration was created in 2020. A Host Force (North Wales) operating model was created and underpinned by a collaboration agreement.

Work continues with UKAS to build an approach to accreditation that meets the first Host Force model of its type, whilst ensuring value for money in the cost of Police accreditation.

As the capability evolves and its requirements and opportunities better understood, an additional permanent Field Event Management post is required. This is an emerging requirement and is needed to co-ordinate, lead and manage critical accreditation activities, given there isn't capacity within the existing resource structure to undertake this work.

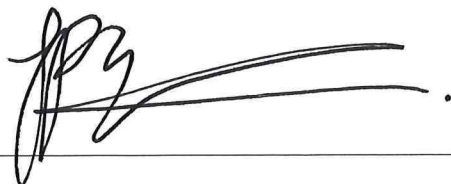
PROPOSAL

To approve funding for an additional permanent Field Event Management post within the FCIN to be funded out of part of the collaboration's projected 2021/22 underspend.

**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

The national Forensic Collision Investigation Network (FCIN) collaboration was created in 2020. This was in response to the Forensic Science Regulators call for Forensic Collision Investigation activities to become ISO/IEC 17020 and ISO/IEC 17025 accredited, in line with other forensic disciplines. A Host Force (North Wales) operating model was created and underpinned by an APACE approved s22A collaboration agreement. The agreement included the creation of an FCIN Strategic Board.

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STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

This decision supports the following element(s) of the Safer West Mercia Plan:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Putting Victims and Survivors First | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building a More Secure West Mercia |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reforming West Mercia | <input type="checkbox"/> Reassuring West Mercia's Communities |

The decision supports this/ these objective(s) through the following

- Working collaboratively with other forces in England and Wales to provide forensic collision investigation capability
- Increasing collision investigation capability within existing resources, improving both effectiveness and efficiency

FINANCIAL COMMENTS

The proposal will be funded out of part of the collaboration's projected 2021/22 underspend

TREASURER COMMENTS

There will be no impact on West Mercia's budgets. The proposal represents value for money.

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).

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OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive Officer

Signature  Date 19th July 2021