



**To:** Business Coordination Board

**From:** Chief Constable

**Date:** 04 September 2013

## **SECTION 22 AGREEMENT – REGIONALISATION OF PRISON INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS (PIO's)**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 To update the Board on the signing of the section 22 agreement to collaborate regionally on the above service.

### **2. Matters to Note**

2.1 This agreement is for the purposes of establishing a regionally collaborated Prison Intelligence Unit (PIU) by collaborating the Prison Intelligence Officers (PIO) of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire under the line management of the East Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit (ECTIU).

2.2 Pursuant to S.22B and S.22C of the Police Act 1996, the Parties are under a duty to keep collaboration opportunities under review. Accordingly this agreement shall be reviewed by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 (the "initial review") and every year thereafter on 1<sup>st</sup> January, or earlier by agreement of the Parties. The purpose of the review under this section shall be to ensure that the Prison Intelligence Unit is functioning effectively and efficiently.

### **3. Section 22 Agreement**

3.1 The proposed section 22 agreement, has been created by and agreed by the force solicitors.

3.2 The collaborating parties wish to create a regional Prison Intelligence Unit (PIU) who will undertake the functions of Prison Intelligence Officer's on behalf of the four Chief Constables. The PIU will be managed by the ECTIU in order to provide a single joint management structure for the cadre. This will provide efficiency and effectiveness as a result of having one line management under the joint unit.

3.3 Each of the Chief Constables and Commissioners from Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex and Hertfordshire will be invited to consider and sign the agreement to show their commitment to the collaboration.

**4. Recommendation**

4.1 That the Board notes that the Chief Constable has already signed the agreement and the Commissioner is also recommended to sign the agreement.