



**To:** Business Co-ordination Board

**From:** Chief Executive

**Date:** 08 May 2014

## **EASTERN REGION COLLABORATION**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 On the 15<sup>th</sup> April the Eastern Region Commissioners, Chief Executives and the Chief Constables met.
- 1.2 The meeting considered and supported the new governance arrangements for Eastern Regions Special Operations Unit (ERSOU) and Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit (CTIU) and business cases for collaboration of a Confidential Unit and a Fraud, Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery Unit.
- 1.3 Agreement is now sought for formal regional section 22 collaboration agreements to be put in place for the Confidential Unit and the Fraud, Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery functions.
- 1.4 Agreement is now sought for new Section 22 agreement for ERSOU and CTIU to be developed, passing the lead force from Hertfordshire (for ERSOU) and Essex (for CTIU) to Bedfordshire.

### **2. ERSOU and CTIU**

- 2.1 At the 15<sup>th</sup> January Eastern Region Commissioner, Chief Executive and Chief Constable meeting the Chief Constables requested a move of lead force from Hertfordshire to Bedfordshire. It was noted that this was a significant operational issue. The Commissioners requested that an assurance board was established, which has subsequently met.
- 2.2 The 15<sup>th</sup> April Eastern Region Commissioner, Chief Executive and Chief Constables' meeting received draft Section 22 agreements relating to ERSOU and CTIU for consideration which codified the above changes in governance. These agreements

are currently being finalised and in the near future the support of the Commissioner will be sought to finalise these.

**3. Confidential Unit and a Fraud, Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery Unit.**

3.1 The 15<sup>th</sup> April Eastern Region Commissioner, Chief Executive and Chief Constable meeting received detailed business cases for the regional collaboration of two specialist policing of functions, i.e. a Confidential Unit and a Fraud, Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery Unit.

3.2 The Finance Subgroup considered these at their meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and noted they related to specialist policing functions.

3.3 The Chief Constable is supportive of the approach set out within the business cases.

**4. Recommendation**

4.1 Agreement is now sought for formal regional section 22 collaboration agreements to be put in place for the Confidential Unit and a Fraud, Financial Investigation and Asset Recovery functions.

4.2 Agreement for the new governance arrangements for ERSOU and CTIU, passing the lead force from Hertfordshire (for ERSOU) and Essex (for CTIU) to Bedfordshire to be formalised within an updated section 22 agreement.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

Source Document (s)	Contact Officer	Location
15 <sup>th</sup> January and 15 <sup>th</sup> April and Eastern Region Commissioner, Chief Executive and Chief Constable meeting minutes	Dr Dorothy Gregson	Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner, South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA