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**Cambridgeshire**



Police and Crime Commissioner  
**CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH**

**To:** Business Coordination Board

**From:** Chief Constable and Chief Executive

**Date:** 12 April 2018

## **INTERIM TRANSITION FIREARMS TRAINING COMPLIANCE – SECTION 22A AGREEMENT**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Business Coordination Board (the “Board”) on the collaboration agreement for the provision of a 7 force firearms training compliance function with the Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners from; Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk, and Suffolk.

### **2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Board is recommended to note the signing of the Interim Transition Firearms Compliance Section 22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended).

2.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) signs the Decision Notice to sign the S22A Agreement to approve the Section 22A Agreement for the collaboration agreement for the Interim Transition Firearms Training Compliance.

### **3. Purpose**

3.1 The Chief Constables of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk, and Suffolk constabulary’s wish to collaborate in the development and provision of a single management and governance structure for the licensing of their respective armed policing functions, a single armed policing Strategic Threat and Risk Assessment (STRA) process and joint Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) Lead.

- 3.2 Norfolk & Suffolk along with Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire will move onto an interim transitional licence on 1st April 2018; and for Essex and Kent to transition a year later on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019.
- 3.3 At completion of the transition period, the arrangements will be overseen by a nominated 7 Force ACC Firearms Lead who will assume delegated responsibility for compliance with the College of Policing firearms licence on behalf of all 7 Chief Constables.
- 3.4 The main benefit of the collaboration agreement is that Authorised Firearms Officers (AFO's) within the 7 forces, will be the development of common training and accreditation standards, standardised equipment and use standardised tactics. This will mean that armed officers will be more interoperable and be in a better position to deploy seamlessly anywhere within the 7 forces where the threat and risk assessment justifies it.

**4. Section 22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996**

- 4.1 A Section 22A Agreement enables police forces and local policing bodies as defined in the Police Act 1996 (as amended) and other parties to make an agreement about the discharge of functions by officers and staff where it is in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of their own and other police force areas.

**5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 The Board is recommended to note the signing of the Interim Transition Firearms Compliance Section 22A Agreement under the Police Act 1996 (as amended).
- 5.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) signs the Decision Notice to sign the S22A Agreement to approve the Section 22A Agreement for the collaboration agreement for the Interim Transition Firearms Training Compliance.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

<b>Source Documents</b>	
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