



To: Acting Police & Crime Commissioner

From: Howard Thackray, Business Manager

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Briefing Note – Section 22A Agreement for the 7 Force Programme

1.0 Purpose

1.1 To update the Acting Police and Crime Commissioner (the Commissioner) on the amended 7 Force Section 22A agreement.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 The Acting Police and Crime Commissioner should sign the Section 22A agreement.

2.2 The Acting Commissioner is asked to sign a Decision Notice to approve the Collaboration Agreement under section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended).

3.0 Background

3.1 The 7 force collaboration agreement, between Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norfolk and Suffolk, was initially agreed in March 2016 and reported to the Commissioner board meeting on the 25th February of that year. The Parties agree to establish a Programme to progress consideration of joint working amongst them in areas for potential collaboration to help address the efficiency of service delivery and whilst maintaining or improving the effectiveness of such service delivery to the communities of the seven police areas of the Parties. This agreement was superseded by a second collaboration agreement in February 2017 and a third agreement on the 1st April 2019.

3.2 All Parties have agreed to enter into a further collaboration agreement (the Fourth Collaboration Agreement) which will commence on 1 December 2019. This will supersede and replace the existing third collaboration agreement of 1 April 2019 and terminate on 31st March 2023.

3.3 The agreement remains predominately unchanged from that which was signed in February 2017, and that subject to an annual review, funding for the programme will be aligned to the new agreement and the Eastern Regions Alliance Summit, and will receive an annual funding request from the Senior Responsible Owner and agree the funding arrangement for the Programme team for the following financial year.

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