



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

police and communities together

DECISION PAPER

DECISION 2019/47	DATE: 31 JANUARY 2020
TITLE : MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - NPAS	
REPORT BY: IAN DICKINSON	

Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to seek authority from the Police and Crime Commissioner to revise the current billing arrangements between Lancashire Constabulary and the National Police Air Service.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to adopt the revised billing arrangements in relation to the National Police Air Service.

Signature

Clive Grunshaw

Police and Crime Commissioner

Date

31st January 2020

PART I

1. Background and Advice

The National Police Air Service Collaboration Agreement has been in place since October 2012.

To assist the lead force (West Yorkshire Police) with the monitoring and reporting on the finances to the National Board throughout the year it has been agreed that forces should move from quarterly invoicing to monthly.

Whilst Lancashire's costs are primarily fixed pay related costs so quarterly invoicing is sufficient, it is noted that other forces may benefit from monthly billing due to the nature of their external and/or non-fixed bills. Therefore, following consultation with the Constabulary it has been agreed that Lancashire should support the other Forces who would benefit from the new Memorandum of Understanding.

The Constabulary's will monitor the new system and should it become inefficient and/or cumbersome they will consult with the other forces to look at ways of tweaking the system, if needed.

As this Memorandum of Understanding is a revision to the current Section 22 collaboration agreement it requires the consent of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable.

1. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

The National Police Air Service aims to maximise the benefits of air support to the delivery of front line police services.

2. Consultation

N/A

3. Implications

a. Risks

There are no identified risks.

b. Legal

There are no legal issues arising from the Memorandum of Understanding. The Constabulary's Head of Legal has reviewed the agreement and is satisfied that the Memorandum of Understanding is lawful.

c. Financial

The Constabulary's will monitor the new system and should it become inefficient and/or cumbersome they will consult with the other forces to look at ways of tweaking the system, if needed.

d. Equality considerations


There are no equality considerations

4. Background Papers

5. Public access to information

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Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
<p>Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)</p> <p>I have been informed about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire.</p> <p>Signature...  Date... <u>31.1.2020</u></p>	