



**DECISION PAPER**

<b>DECISION 2017/41</b>	<b>DATE: 20 DECEMBER 2017</b>
<b>TITLE : POLICE FORCE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE CIVIL NUCLEAR CONSTABULARY</b>	
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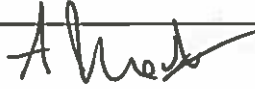
**Executive Summary**

The purpose of the report is to provide authorisation to enter into a Section 22A Collaboration Agreement for the provision of police officers from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary.

**Recommendation**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable are recommended to enter into a Collaboration Agreement for the provision of operational services specific to policing support by the Civil Nuclear Constabulary in the event of:

- (i) a Marauding Terrorist Attack (Operation Plato),
- (ii) any other incident where there is threat to life or risk of serious injury,
- (iii) joint policing initiatives intending to improve inter-operability between forces and to enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency of either or both of the collaborating forces, within the geographical areas of the Home Offices forces who are signatories to this agreement.

Signature 	Signature 
Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Constable
Date 20th December 2017	Date 22.12.17

## **PART I**

### **1. Background and Advice**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable will recall that they entered into a Section 22 collaboration agreement in October 2015 for the provision of armed police officers from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary to support Home Office Forces in the event that Operation Temperer is authorised by Ministers.

The Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) is an armed police service created by the Energy Act 2004 and is responsible for the armed protection of certain categories of nuclear material in transit within the UK and internationally.

This new agreement has been requested by the Senior Management Team of CNC officers at Heysham in order to allow CNC officers to work under the direction and control of the Chief Constable outside of a firearms/mutual aid situation. Consideration was initially given to amending the existing Memorandum Of Understanding but because it is framed specifically with reference to firearms deployment it was thought that a stand-alone document would be more appropriate. For this reason the newly draft agreement focuses on "ordinary" deployment only

Therefore, a collaborative arrangement has been established for the provision of Police Officers from the Civil Nuclear Constabulary (CNC) to support Lancashire Constabulary in the event of

- (i) a Marauding Terrorist Attack (Operation Plato),
- (ii) any other incident where there is threat to life or risk of serious injury,
- (iii) joint policing initiatives intending to improve inter-operability between forces and to enhance effectiveness and/or efficiency of either or both of the collaborating forces, within the geographical areas of the Home Offices forces who are signatories to this agreement.

Details of the agreement will not be published given its operational nature.

### **1. Links to the Police and Crime Plan**

CNC officers will be deployed under the direction of the National Police Operations Coordination Centre and into specific operation roles in support of the national response to a terrorist emergency.

### **2. Consultation**

N/A

### **3. Implications**

#### **a. Risks**

There are no identified risks. The CNC are currently working with Government to find longer term solutions but this is likely to involve legislative changes so could take some time.

The agreement provides a termination clause allowing parties to the agreement to withdraw by serving a 3 month written notice on the other parties.

**b. Legal**

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire has the power under Section 23 of the Police Act 1996 to make this decision to enter into a collaborative agreement.

Section 22A of the Police Act 1996 requires the parties to a force collaboration agreement to include each Chief Constable and each policing body. The Agreement has been drawn up to comply with the provisions of the Police Act 1996 in respect of a collaboration agreement.

There are no legal issues arising from the Agreement.

**c. Financial**

In the event of deployment in Lancashire, the Police and Crime Commissioner shall meet any other costs which are reasonably incurred.

**d. Equality considerations**

N/A

**4. Background Papers**

N/A

**5. Public access to information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation.

Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC website within 3 working days of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form.

<b>Officer declaration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above</b>	
<b>CONSULTATION – As above</b>	

**Director to the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (Monitoring Officer)**

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.

Signature..........Date.....20.12.17.....