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REPORT TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER AND CHIEF CONSTABLE FOR LANCASHIRE

DECISION 2015/90	DATE: 31 MARCH 2016
TITLE : NATIONAL POLICE COORDINATION CENTRE ("NPOCC") COLLABORATION AGREEMENT	
REPORT BY: IAN DICKINSON	

Executive Summary

The National Police Coordination Centre ("NPoCC") was set up in April 2013 and prior to the date of this Agreement reported to the ACPO president. It has been agreed that NPoCC shall continue as a separate and independent national unit which shall be managed on a day to day basis by the Head of NPoCC who shall report to the Chair of the NPCC and shall be hosted by the Metropolitan Police Service.

NPoCC is required to be formally established by a collaboration agreement under section 22A of the Police Act 1996.

Such an agreement requires the agreement of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Recommendation

That the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable agree to enter in to the NPoCC Collaboration Agreement

The Director be authorised to execute the Collaboration Agreement on the Police and Crime Commissioner's behalf

Signature <i>Clive Grunshaw</i>	Signature <i>Stanger</i>
Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Constable
Date <i>5th April 2016</i>	Date <i>5th April 2016</i>

PART II

1. Background and Advice

1.1 The National Police Coordination Centre (“NPoCC”) was set up in April 2013 to coordinate the policing response in relation to strategic policing threats, such as crisis, mass fatalities and the mobilisation of specialist policing assets nationally in response to UK requirements.

1.2 It reported to the President of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO). Following the dissolution of ACPO it has been decided that NPoCC will continue as an independent national unit, managed on a day to day basis by the Head of NPoCC, and will report to the Chair of the NPCC.

1.3 NPoCC will be hosted by the Metropolitan Police Service which will also provide back office support. The Host Force (Metropolitan Police Service) will not be liable for the actions of NPoCC and any such liabilities will be shared between the Parties.

1.4 NPoCC will enable operationally independent and locally accountable Chief Officers to co-ordinate national operations on behalf of the Chief Officers in order to protect the public.

1.5 The Police and Crime Commissioner will recall that the NPoCC Collaboration Agreement was issued to all forces in 2015 but some Chief Constables and PCCs, Lancashire included, did not sign the document as there were some areas of concern pertaining to liabilities and the handling of future amendments.

1.6 The Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire raised a number of points with NPoCC on behalf of APACE. It was understood that once those issues were resolved, each Chief Constable/PCC who had not yet signed the NPoCC Collaboration Agreement would be in a position to sign. The OPCC have been in discussions with the Chief Executive for Hampshire through APACE and the amendments proposed have now been agreed and signed off by him.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

2.1 Officers will be deployed under the direction of NPoCC and into specific operational roles in support of the national response to strategic policing threats.

3. Consultation

4. Implications

a. Legal

Section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) provides the statutory framework for collaboration agreements by “policing bodies” (such as Police and Crime Commissioners) and chief officers of police.

The collaboration agreement, when enacted, will be published separately, as required by Section 23E of the Police Act 1996

b. Financial

This collaboration agreement sets out the 'funding parties' for NPoCC. These include the Police and Crime Commissioners and governing bodies for all territorial police forces in England and Wales and a number of other forces and organisations based on the 'FSS Share' set out in schedule 4 of the agreement. Contributions are paid annually.

The Lancashire share for 2015/16 will be £48,293

c. Equality considerations

There are no equalities implications associated with this decision.

5. Background Papers

6. 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.

Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	
CONSULTATION – As above	
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.....	

