



**Lancashire  
Constabulary**

police and communities together

<b>DECISION 19/2021</b>	<b>DATE: 19 OCTOBER 2021</b>
<b>TITLE : NATIONAL POLICE COORDINATION CENTRE ("NPOCC") COLLABORATION AGREEMENT</b>	
<b>REPORT BY: IAN DICKINSON, GOVERNANCE AND POLICING LEAD</b>	



**Executive Summary**

The purpose of the report is to provide authorisation to enter into a revised Section 22A Collaboration Agreement to enable NPoCC to continue 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.

**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

<b>Signature</b> 	<b>Signature</b> 
<b>Police and Crime Commissioner</b>	<b>Chief Constable</b>
<b>Date 19 October 2021</b>	<b>Date 31/10/21</b>

## **PART II**

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

- 1.1 The National Police Coordination Centre ("NPoCC") was established 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 The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable entered into the original Section 22 collaboration agreement in March 2016.
- 1.3 NPoCC is 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.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 This agreement will supersede the current one when it is signed by all participating parties. The agreement thereafter will remain in force until/unless the Secretary of State for the Home Department terminates it under clause 24.3. Individual forces may withdraw from the agreement by giving not less than 12 months' notice, which must expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> March of any given year.
- 1.7 The agreement has been reviewed by the Constabulary's legal department who advise that there is very little risk associated with this agreement and NPoCC will benefit Lancashire Constabulary and policing generally.
- 1.8 In providing the advice a it should be noted that the new Schedule 5 draws together and expands upon the Information Assurance considerations/obligations but does not contain anything of concern.
- 1.9 Further, the Oversight Board referred to in clause 4 and Schedule 4 did not appear in the previous governance structure but it appears to have the same role as the Oversight Group, as well as having the same membership and decision making principles/criteria.

### **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. The levels of apportionment are set out in Part 2 of Schedule 2, Lancashire's share is 2.39% which equates to £52,464 for the financial year 2021/22.

In addition, Lancashire will also contribute funding and resources for the NPoCC Strategic Intelligence and Briefing Unit (SIB), whose purpose is to support national policing to facilitate lawful protest activity and to protect the fundamental rights enshrined within Human Rights legislation and within Common Law. Lancashire's share is 2.50% which equates to £24,908 for the financial year 2021/22. Lancashire currently has two police officers seconded to the SIB.

##### c. Equality considerations

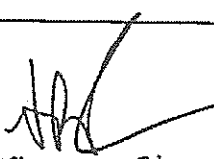
There are no equalities implications associated with this decision.

#### 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.

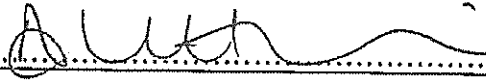
Officer declaration	Date
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS – As above	
EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS – As above	19.10.2021

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 19.10.21.....