



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DECISION: 43/2023

DATE: 29 FEBRUARY 2024

**NORTHWEST SURVEILLANCE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS SYSTEM (SSAS)
COLLABORATION SEC 22A: CHANGE CONTROL NOTICE.**

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Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to provide authorisation to enter into a revised Section 22A Collaboration Agreement for the Northwest Surveillance Situational awareness system (SSAS), the purpose of which is, to develop a nationwide technical solution to support operational learning to firearms and surveillance policing operations.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner is recommended to authorise the entering into a revised Section 22A Collaboration Agreement for the Northwest Surveillance Situational awareness system (SSAS).

PART II

1. Background and Advice

- 1.1. The Commissioner will recall that in January 2023 he authorised the entering into a Section 22A Collaboration Agreement for the Northwest Surveillance Situational awareness system (SSAS), the purpose of which is, to develop a nationwide technical solution to support operational learning to firearms and surveillance of policing operations.
- 1.2. This Section 22a Change Control Modification Notice (“CCMN”) CCNM varies the Agreement to adjust the Finance Protocol of the Agreement.
- 1.3. Under clause 5.2.3(a) of the Agreement, the Policing Bodies are responsible for approving changes to the financial contributions of the Agreement. Such approval must be unanimous and in writing.
- 1.4. The initial agreement outlined the provision of user licences over a four-year contract period. Since then most forces have moved to interim cloud-based solutions (GCloud or Mosaic) which have provided users with enhanced capabilities in line with the advancement of technology. As such, it was anticipated that the costs for these solutions would also increase in 2024/25. Following commercial discussions, the national SRO has agreed the provision of an enhanced package which will support the implementation of the original SSAS framework and provide additional capabilities that align to the current options used by forces.
- 1.5. The enhanced package, offered at an additional £150 per licence will also provide additional capabilities, such as e-logging of surveillance users, yet offer better value to forces. The introduction of enhanced operational requirements and advancement of technology has resulted in a revision of the anticipated costings to forces. When including these enhanced capabilities, as recommended by the national SRO, the cost of each licence will be as follows.

Year 1	£496.99
Year 2	£490.76
Year 3	£398.76
Year 4	£398.76

- 1.6. These figures do not include a further discount of up to 10% of the core pricing that will be applied if other collaborations issue call-off contract orders during term of this Collaboration.
- 1.7. The financial contributions are worked out on the number of licences requested, for Lancashire this is 180. The costs are detailed schedule 2 of the revised

agreement and is spread across four years, coming to a total of £321,348.00, an increase on the previous agreement of £142,381.20.

1.8. The proposed modifications to the Agreement set out in this CCNM shall only apply upon agreement by all Parties to the Agreement as evidenced by their signatures at the end of this document.

2. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

2.1. Cross border investigations can more efficiently and effectively be discharged by the co-operation and collaboration of police forces.

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Implications

a. Risks

b. Legal

The S.22 Agreement has been reviewed by the Constabulary's legal team who have approved its content. Accordingly, the Sec 22a agreement has now been approved by CC Rowley

The Effective Date of the Agreement is 1 April 2024.

c. Financial

There is a cost which is worked out on the number of licences requested, for Lancashire this is 180. The costs are detailed Schedule 2 of the agreement and is spread across four years, coming to a total of £321,348.00.

Year 1 - £89,458.18

Year 2 - £88,337.18

Year 3 - £71,776.32

Year 4 - £71,776.32

Equality considerations

5. Background papers

6. Public access to papers

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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.

