

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE  
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

REF: 039 / 2015

DATE: 22 December 2015

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>National Collaboration Agreement for Counter Terrorism Policing</b>
<b>REPORT BY</b>	<b>CHIEF CONSTABLE</b>
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<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT</b> A national collaboration agreement for counter-terrorism has been prepared with the aim of providing a nationally coordinated counter-terrorism function with appropriate safeguards in terms of accountability and governance.	
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<i>That the collaboration agreement is approved and signed by the Commissioner.</i>
<b>POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b> I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.	
Signature:  Date: 22/12/15	

**A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC**

**A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. In the East Midlands, the PCCs and Chief Constables have for a number of years successfully collaborated in the area of counter-terrorism pursuant to a regional s.22A collaboration agreement. In other regions, counter-terrorism has been dealt with by a single lead force for the region.
2. A review of national arrangements has led to a proposal for a national collaboration agreement. The purpose being to consolidate the current position for the lead forces for Counter Terrorism Policing. The agreement builds on previous decisions by Chief Constables' Council, by ACPO (TAM) (now Counter Terrorism Coordination Committee), and the evolved structures and practices "to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from Terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence".

3. The agreement does not seek to change existing arrangements in the East Midlands or elsewhere for accountability and direction and control, nor does it seek to replace National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC), Chief Constables' Council, the Counter Terrorism Coordination Committee (CTCC), or the Police Counter Terrorism Board.
4. A draft agreement was prepared, circulated and revised in line with feedback to ensure that all the proposed signatories are content. The parties to the agreement are the lead forces for Counter Terrorism Policing and the five forces in the East Midlands Region. The reason for the explicit inclusion of the East Midlands forces is because of the structure of the pre-existing regional collaboration agreement which does not include a 'lead force'.
5. The signatories to the Agreement are the lead forces in the other regions: Avon and Somerset Constabulary; Bedfordshire Police; Greater Manchester Police; South Wales Police; Thames Valley Police; West Midlands Police; West Yorkshire Police; and Metropolitan Police and in the East Midlands Region: Derbyshire Constabulary; Leicestershire Police; Lincolnshire Police; Northamptonshire Police; and Nottinghamshire Police
6. The agreement does not bind the remaining thirty forces. However, unlike other collaboration agreements, the proposed s22A for CT Policing explicitly sets out that a service will be provided to all forces. This service is set through the annual CT Policing Grant setting process.
7. The agreement seeks to strengthen the connections in relation to CT between the PCCs for the lead forces and other PCCs in regions outside of the East Midlands whilst retaining the unique structures for governance and accountability in place within the East Midlands.
8. The collaboration agreement itself will be overseen by a Strategic Board (created by the agreement) which will sit within the existing national governance framework for CT Policing. Membership of the Strategic board will include the Chief Officers for lead forces, the Police and Crime Commissioners for lead forces, a nominated Chief Officer and Police and Crime Commissioner for the East Midlands, the Chair of NPCC, and a representative of the Home Secretary. This Board does not replace existing governance arrangements.

## **A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES**

The Police and Crime Plan outlines how the PCC and Lincolnshire Police will work to reduce crime and improve levels of safety. The co-ordination and codification of the national approach to counter-terrorism will only serve to enhance the safety of the residents of Lincolnshire.

**B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The national section 22A agreement does not result in any additional financial considerations for the PCC.

**C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

Section 22A of the Police Act 1996, as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, permits the PCC to enter into a collaboration agreement.

**D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES**

There are no personnel or equalities issues.

**E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

The collaboration agreement will be subject to the governance structure included within the S22A collaboration agreement.

**F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The management of risk has been considered throughout the development of the S22A collaboration agreement.

By codifying national policies and understandings into a S22A collaboration agreement with defined governance it provides legal structure and allows risk to be managed effectively.

**G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

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If Yes, for what reason:

## ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The Chief Constable recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	NR
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	CF
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Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	US

## OFFICER APPROVAL

### Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature:

Date: 22/12/15