



**Lancashire
Constabulary**

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JOINT MANAGEMENT BOARD

64 DECISION 2015/48	DATE: 6 OCTOBER 2015
TITLE : POLICE FORCE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF A REGIONAL ORGANISED CRIME UNIT (TITAN)	
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Executive Summary

The purpose of the report is to provide authorisation to enter into a Section 22A Collaboration Agreement to establish a regional organised crime unit, known as TITAN, to provide relevant services to and on behalf of the six policing bodies and police forces in the North West Region, namely, Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside and North Wales.

Recommendation

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable are recommended to enter into a Collaboration Agreement for the provision of a shared Regional Organised Crime Unit.

Signature <i>Clive Grunshaw</i>	Signature <i>[Signature]</i>
Police and Crime Commissioner	Chief Constable
Date <i>6th October 2015.</i>	Date <i>9/10/15.</i>

PART I

1. Background and Advice

The Local Policing Bodies and Chief Constables in the North West Region (covering Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater Manchester, Lancashire, Merseyside and North Wales police areas) have agreed to establish collaboration arrangements for the provision of a shared Regional Crime Unit.

The object of this unit is to protect the communities of the North West and North Wales from serious organised crime. The shared service delivered through these collaboration arrangements shall be known as TITAN, the North West Regional Organised Crime Unit.

As required in legislation a Section 22A agreement has been written to ensure that the responsibilities of the Chief Constables and PCCs are clear and unambiguous.

This Agreement replaces the previous agreement which came into force on 1 October 2012, which shall cease to have effect and shall continue until terminated in accordance with the provisions set out in the agreement or varied by the joint agreement of all parties.

Details of the agreement will not be published given its operational nature.

1. Links to the Police and Crime Plan

Criminal investigations which overlap the geographical area of two or more police forces can more efficiently and effectively be discharged by the co-operation and collaboration of police forces within the North West Region.

2. Consultation

N/A

3. Implications

a. Risks

There are no identified risks. The agreement provides a termination clause allowing parties to the agreement to withdraw by serving a 12 months 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. This is a force collaboration agreement for the discharge of functions by members of each of the forces, and for members of each of the forces to discharge functions in each other's force areas.

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. However, the Agreement does contain some grammatical and formatting errors and it is recommended that these errors are corrected. These errors do not affect the substance of the Agreement.

c. Financial

TITAN is funded by Home Office Grants provided on an annual basis which may vary from year to year and by the policing bodies. Costs apportioned between policing bodies will be based on a formula approach and be administered financially by the Collaboration Lead (Chief Constable of Merseyside). The 2015/16 budgeted contribution for Lancashire Constabulary is £2.2M.

d. Equality considerations

4. Background Papers

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.

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.....	

