

DECISION MAKING MEETING

22 OCTOBER 2020, 10:00 - TEAMS

Attendees

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David Gibson (Deputy Commissioner)
Chris Brace (Chief Executive)
Amie Birkhamshaw (Director of Strategy)
Ian Rooney (CFO)
Nigel Atkins (Senior Communications Officer)
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AGENDA

1. Minutes of Meeting of 14 October 2020
2. Forensic Collision Investigation Network Collaboration Agreement

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Kevin McGetrick (Head of Commissioning and Victims Services)
Carolyn Kitchen (Minutes)

Apologies

David Gibson (Deputy Commissioner)
Amie Birkhamshaw (Director of Strategy)

MINUTES

1. Minutes of Meeting of 08 October 2020

Approved as amended

2. Planning White Paper and Blue Light Infrastructure

Approved subject to amendments by GM

Action: Planning and Blue Light Infrastructure to be added to DL 1:1 agendas with MPs

Action: NA to write a piece around 'fairer funding' from local developers

3. ISAC relief funding.

Option 5 approved

There was discussion about how joint funding responsibilities are managed.

Action: IR to produce a list of joint commitments to be discussed at DMM in a month's time.

Action: NA to write a piece about the PCC supporting and picking up the funding for this issue.

4. AOB

GM, concerned about the governance of the meeting, stressed the importance of papers being submitted in good time for review and advice.

MEETING	Decision Making Meeting
DATE	22 October 2020
TITLE OF REPORT	Forensic Collision Investigation Network Collaboration Agreement
SUBMITTED BY	Deputy Chief Executive
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To approve signature of the agreement
DECISION(S) REQUIRED	As above
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS	In body of the report
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	The agreement comes to PCCs because of the funding requirement of the collaborated function. The function is an operational function of the Chief Constable and he also has to agree to the collaboration.
EQUALITIES IMPACTS	None
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION EXEMPTION SECTION IF APPLICABLE	The agreement itself is exempt under Section 31 but a summary of it will be published on the website.

1 INTRODUCTION

The Forensic Science Regulator (FSR) directed in 2012 that all police forces' Forensic Collision Investigation functions must be compliant with the FSR's Code of Practice and Conduct and the ISO 17020 standard. The deadline for compliance is currently October 2021 with Forces who are collaborating in the FCIN having a further year's extension to the deadline until October 2022. Chief Constables agreed in 2019 to promote a network to bring in best practice across policing and to harmonise standards. The Chief Constable is content with the agreement as drafted.

2 BACKGROUND

A number of consultations has taken place at NPCC and APCC and the terms of the collaboration have been amended to reflect the responses.

3 GOVERNANCE

Governance is one of the areas of concern that has been addressed since the consultation to reflect views of PCCs. The Lead PCC (North Wales) will seek

approval of PCCs to the major governance issues, budget, funding, strategy, income generation and any acquisitions not included in the budget. PCCs also hold the lead chief officer (North Wales) to account for service delivery. This may be by meetings or by reports of the management board and e mails. The majority view of PCCs responding is taken to the determining decision. A party may withdraw on 12 months' notice and notice by a chief constable or PCC means their PCC or chief constable respectively also withdraw.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The budget for the first 3 years is set out as £2.07m, £3.28m and £2.65m respectively. This is apportioned by NRE such that Herts pays 1.66% or £34k in the first year, £54k in the second and £44k in the third year.

5 PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE

To approve signature of the collaboration agreement.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

The agreement and consultation responses are exempt from publication pursuant to Section 31 of the FOIA 2000.