POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Victoria Curtis 06.01.2020	DECISION NO. 08/2020

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For approval and signature

SUBMITTED TO: CEO Mark Stokes

SUBJECT: Variation to the current Section 22A Agreement for Integrated Offender Management (IOM)

SUMMARY:

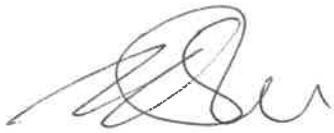
1. The current Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Section 22A Collaboration Agreement was extended by variation to expire on 31st March 2020.
2. In 2018 the government announced their intention to re-nationalise the Probation Service, with all offender supervision to be undertaken by the public sector.
3. Until the future footprint of the National Probation Service (NPS) across the two counties is determined, and whilst we explore what shape the new local delivery unit will form post April 2021, it is requested that the attached variation agreement requesting an extension to the current agreement for a period of no more than 12 months is authorised.
4. The variation agreement will enable the continuing review of the management of the function whilst ensuring the collaboration is still operating with efficiency and effectiveness, and that the operating terms of reference are being maintained.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is authorised to execute the extension to the Agreement to Collaborate (under Section 22A of the Police Act 1996).

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature  **Date** 28.1.20

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

An extension to the current Section 22A Agreement to afford the time for consideration of the future delivery of the IOM is requested of the Norfolk and Suffolk Chief Constables and OPCCs.

The request is to enable the IOM to continue to operate within the current model and for considerations to the restructuring be held in abeyance until there is greater clarity about the future delivery model of key partners.

2. BACKGROUND:

Both Norfolk and Suffolk Chief Constables and OPCCs agreed to collaborate under a Section 22A agreement with a multi-agency IOM function in March 2015 in the interests of efficiency and effectiveness.

In 2018, the government announced they are moving to renationalise the Probation Service. This decision impacts the IOM as the since the separation of the probation service in its current form, the cohort of offenders that IOM seeks to work with is split amongst two other service providers, Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) and National Probation Service (NPS) which make up the IOM delivery.

3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

The future footprint of the probation service across the two counties has yet to be determined, however the strategic direction from central government is anticipated imminently.

The breakpoint in the CRC contract is March 2021 although there is the potential to extend beyond this date to manage staff transitions, assets and service provision to the new NPS.

The request for an extension to the current Section 22A Agreement will afford Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies the time to understand how the CRC is to be decommissioned and to what shape the new NPS Local Delivery Unit will form post April 2021.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Consideration has been given to moving the IOM under Joint Justice Services Command or alternatively as two separate teams.

These options will continue to be considered whilst the future footprint of the NPS is awaited.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

The Norfolk and Suffolk IOM has a proven scheme effective in the reduction in crime harm and offending across both counties, and is acknowledged and nominated as a finalist for an international award in policing in 2019.

The IOM supports both OPCCs core priorities of preventing offending and delivering a modern innovative service, delivering efficient and effective services with the right resources and demonstrating good stewardship of tax payers money.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no known financial / other resource implications to continue with the current model at this time.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

There are no known other implications and risks to continue with the current model at this time.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	**NO**
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	**YES**
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	**N/A**
Have human resource implications been considered?	**YES**
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	**YES**
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	**YES**
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	**NO**
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	**YES**

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:  **Date** 20-1-20

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
OR
b) ~~the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital~~ budgets,
OR
c) ~~the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves~~
AND
d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:  **Date:** 20.1.2020

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