

ORIGINATOR: Peter Jasper, ACO

DECISION NO. 25/2021

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision.

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner.

SUBJECT:
South East and Eastern Region Police Insurance Consortium (SEERPIC) Section 22a

SUMMARY:

The South East and Eastern Region Police Insurance Consortium (SEERPIC) has been in existence for 20 years. The model has operated successfully but has not had a Section 22a (s22a) signed by all 20 corporations sole to underpin the arrangement.

A s22a was drafted in 2015 and signed by a number of corporations' sole, but not all, due to a breakdown in the signing process. This 2015 document has therefore acted as a guide for the Board, but it is important for an arrangement as significant and complex as SEERPIC to have the safety net of a formal s22a agreement fully signed by all parties.

A report is attached to this Decision Notice, from myself as Chair of SEERPIC, to the Chief Constables and Police (Fire) and Crime Commissioners of SEERPIC, with a recommendation for the S22a to be signed and taken through local governance arrangements.

As SEERPIC has been in existence for so long, and is a mature "business as usual" model, the signing of the s22a is merely formalising these arrangements, but does give PCCs and Chiefs the assurance and protection of the conditions as set out in the agreement.

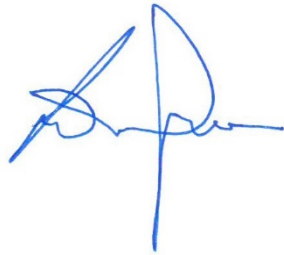
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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC signs the SEERPIC s22a in order to formalise the existing and long serving arrangements of the consortium.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC
(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

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Signature:

Date: 04/05/2021

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION:

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 The objective of this paper is to seek the PCC's signature on the SEERPIC section 22a.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The South East and Eastern Region Police Insurance Consortium (SEERPIC) has been in existence for 20 years. The model has operated successfully but has not had a Section 22a (s22a) signed by all 20 corporations sole to underpin the arrangement.
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- 2.3 A report is attached to this Decision Notice, from myself as Chair of SEERPIC, to the Chief Constables and Police (Fire) and Crime Commissioners of SEERPIC, with a recommendation for the S22a to be signed and taken through local governance arrangements.
- 2.4 As SEERPIC has been in existence for so long, and is a mature "business as usual" model, the signing of the s22a is merely formalising these arrangements, but does give PCCs and Chiefs the assurance and protection of the conditions as set out in the agreement.
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3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Even though the SEERPIC model has been in existence for a long period, and has worked well through partnership to overcome hurdles and issues, there is a need to formalise these arrangements.
- 3.2 Not to do so, would leave an element of risk in that SEERPIC members could in theory leave the consortium without giving any notice, and also that for complex and difficult decisions a single member could block a decision as the current arrangements for voting are only in the "guide" 2015 S22a and have no formal status.
- 3.3 Therefore, to do nothing is not a viable option and all parties should sign as soon as possible to reflect the long-standing arrangements.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The only other option available is to not sign the S22a agreement. This is not recommended for the reasons outlined in section 3.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS / OBJECTIVES SUPPORTED

- 5.1 The SEERPIC arrangements enable the 10 forces to have significant economies of scale to attract favourable insurance arrangements from a hardening bluelight insurance market. This therefore helps align with the Police and Crime Plan aim for good stewardship of taxpayers' money.

5.2 The signing of the s22a will reinforce the commitment to these principles and also give more formal protection to these arrangements.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial commitments arising from the signing of the S22a, as the commitments in regard to insurance contracts via SEERPIC are already in place, budgeted for and considered within the context of the Medium-Term Financial Plan.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

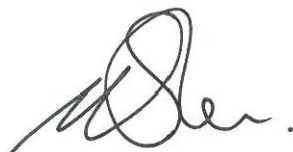
7.1 There are no additional risks over and above those already set out as part of the above.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes. Norfolk Head of Legal has drafted the s22a and it has been reviewed by other legal reps from other forces.
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes. There has been frequent sharing of draft s22a leading up to this final version.
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes, although not directly relevant to this issue.
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes. There are none.
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes – Good Stewardship of Taxpayers' Money.
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes. The SEERPIC Board, Practitioners, and other representative from across the SEERPIC 10 force model.
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	No – this is formalising a long standing arrangement and no communications are required.
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes
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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: 04/05/2021

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: 04/05/2021

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