



Subject: Section 22A Collaboration Agreement for the Joint ICT Department

Originator: Head of Portfolio Management Office

Decision no. 09 /2024

Reason for submission: For approval and signing

Submitted to: CEO Mark Stokes

Summary:

1. The current Joint ICT Department Section 22A Collaboration Agreement expires 30 April 2024.
2. Renewal of the Section 22A Collaboration Agreement is presented for PCC consideration and approval.
3. The function continues to operate and deliver in line with strategic objectives and a further Collaboration Agreement is proposed to continue with the function for a further 5 years.

Recommendation:

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

Outcome/approval by: PCC

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature:

Date: 05/02/2024

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 Signing of the Joint ICT Department Section 22A Collaboration Agreement is requested by the Norfolk and Suffolk Chief Constables and OPCCs to enable the function to continue to operate within the current model.

2. Background:

- 2.1 Both Norfolk and Suffolk Chief Constables and OPCCs agreed to collaborate under a Section 22A agreement with a Joint ICT Department in the interests of efficiency and effectiveness.
- 2.2 In accordance with Section 12 of the Collaboration Agreement, the function has been reviewed to ensure it continues to operate effectively and in accordance with organisational objectives. A new Collaboration Agreement for a period of 5 years is now proposed.

3. Areas for consideration:

- 3.1 The agreement has been revised to reflect the new departmental unit and management structure with their respective responsibilities.
- 3.2 In terms of governance, the requirements of the Joint ICT Department Performance Monitoring Board will now be fulfilled by the Corporate Shared Services Senior Leadership Team

4. Other options considered:

- 4.1 There are no other considerations.

5. Strategic aims / objective supported:

- 5.1 The Joint ICT Department aligns to Norfolk and Suffolk Constabularies' values of transparency, public service, impartiality and integrity, the delivery of a modern, efficient, effective and innovative service with the right resources and good stewardship of taxpayers' money.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

- 6.1 The revised department structure was subject to a Business Case that included additional investment of £355,730 in total (full year impact). This equates to £155,098 as part of the joint cost share agreement.

6.2 The investment will ensure the Joint ICT Department is fit for the future with the capacity and capabilities to meet customer needs, further enabling the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation.

6.3 The investment has been factored into the medium-term financial plans for 2024/25 to 2027/28.

7. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:

Carbon Emissions

7.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO ₂	Saving in tCO ₂
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	N/A	N/A
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	N/A	N/A
Scope 2 – Electricity	N/A	N/A

Environmental Implications

7.2 No material implications.

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 There are no known other implications and risks associated with the continued collaboration of the Joint ICT Department.

Originator checklist (must be completed)	Please state 'yes' or 'no'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
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?	No
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	No
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

No

If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

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: 05/02/2024

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: 05/02/2024

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