

**POLICE AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR  
THE WEST MIDLANDS**

NON-CONFIDENTIAL

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

023/2017

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Title: National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) s22A collaboration agreement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This Agreement is a legal requirement, placing the working relationship between National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) and police forces on a legal footing, including financial contributions.

I represent Police and Crime Commissioners nationally on the governance Board, ensuring issues of concern are raised at the Board and feedback accordingly. To exercise this function, I delegate authority to the Chief Executive of the OPCC.

**DECISION**

I approve West Midlands' contribution to NABIS and on-going funding formula, and the agreement placing the relationship between the West Midlands Police and NABIS on a legal footing, as set out in the agreement.

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**Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands**

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner of the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date.....20.06.17.....

## **NON - CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

### **INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. Following the review of ACPO, NABIS was identified as having an essential responsibility for delivery of its core areas of expertise. Police and Crime Commissioners were invited to review the continuation of NABIS and the hosting arrangements. The Police and Crime Commissioners agreed that NABIS continues to offer value for money and that the hosting provision currently in place with West Midlands Police Force (WMP) and Greater Manchester Police Force (GMP) should be retained.
2. In order to ensure that NABIS can continue to function, it is necessary to provide a vehicle to ensure that collaborative and co-ordinated policing activity can take place. For this purpose, the Parties, with the support of the Home Secretary, have agreed to deliver national services for NABIS which shall be hosted by West Midlands Police Force and Greater Manchester Police Force (the "Host Forces") in the manner set out in this Agreement on behalf of all stakeholders to this Agreement.
3. This Agreement is made pursuant to Section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) which enables police forces and local policing bodies as defined in that Act and other parties to make an agreement about the discharge of functions by officers and staff where it is in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of their own and other police force areas.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. NABIS is funded from contributions made from PCC funds and is based on annual Home Office and Office for National Statistics data linked to the level of gun crime within the police force area. By way of example, West Midlands' contribution for 2016/17 is £200,127. For detailed information on the funding formula of NABIS / financial implications, please see the Collaboration Agreement.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. The agreement has been drawn up by independent legal advisors and subject to consultation.

### **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

6. None arising.

### **Schedule of Background Papers**

7. None

### **Public Access to Information**

Information contained in this decision is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. This decision will be made available on the Commissioner's website.