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NOTICE OF DECISION

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A decision to sign a collaboration agreement to establish the National Police Chiefs' Council, with a request that issues raised relating to insurance liabilities are considered after the National Police Chiefs' Council is established.

DECISION

To sign a collaboration agreement to establish the National Police Chiefs' Council

West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

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 West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....David Jamieson.....

Date.....10 March 2015.....

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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

As a result of the [Parker Review](#), the Association of Chief Police Officers of England, Wales and Northern Ireland (“ACPO”) will be dissolved and replaced by a National Police Chiefs’ Council (“NPCC”) hosted by the Metropolitan Police Service, on or before 31 March 2015. Creation of the NPCC requires a collaboration agreement compliant with Section 22A of the Police Act 1996 ([as amended](#)), which enables Chief Constables, Police and Crime Commissioners 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.

The collaboration agreement, when enacted, will be published separately, as required by Section 23E of the Police Act 1996 ([as amended](#)).

In the course of the negotiations to develop the collaboration agreement, discussions centred on insurance liabilities. The issues raised are not likely to be resolved before the disestablishment of ACPO and the NPCC Programme Board has asked that parties sign and submit concerns in writing. The agreement allows for a review by the Audit and Assurance Board (on which PCCs are represented) and the Board have undertaken to ensure that an early review incorporates the concerns raised.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The collaboration agreement sets out the “funding parties” for NPCC. These include the Police and Crime Commissioners and governing bodies for all the territorial police forces in England and Wales and a number of other forces and organisations. Contributions are based on the “FSS Share” set out in Schedule 4 of the agreement. Contributions are paid annually.

The West Midlands share for 2015-16 will be £70,325.05.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) provides the statutory framework for collaboration agreements by “policing bodies” (such as Police and Crime Commissioners) and chief officers of police.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equalities implications associated with this decision.

Schedule of Background Papers

Parker, Sir General Nick, *Independent Review of ACPO*, Association of Police and Crime Commissioners, August 2013, <http://apccs.police.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Independent-review-of-ACPO.pdf>

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.