

ORIGINATOR: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION NUMBER: 7.2017

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

**SUBJECT: NATIONAL BALLISTICS INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NABIS) –
COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

SUMMARY:

1. The need for a collaboration agreement in respect of the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) comes about as a result of the change from ACPO to the NPCC in 2014. This change stemmed from the Parker Report which was an independent review of ACPO and its national policing units. The outcome was that all national units were required to step into new funding arrangements which would have to operate through collaboration agreements.
2. A collaboration agreement has now been drawn for execution by all chief offices of police and police and crime commissioners to allow the NABIS service to continue.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that authority be granted to the Chief Executive to execute the collaboration agreement in respect of NABIS for and on behalf of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature

Tina Parnore

Date

*21st March
2017*

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 The need for a collaboration agreement in respect of the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) comes about as a result of the change from ACPO to the NPCC (National Police Chief's Council) in 2014. This change stemmed from the Parker Report which was an independent review of ACPO and its national policing units. The outcome was that all national units were required to step into new funding arrangements which would have to operate through collaboration agreements.
- 1.2 There are four such national units that utilise funds generated from police and crime commissioners, namely ACRO, FOI CRU, NWCUC and NABIS. Of these only NABIS is entirely dependent on such funds.
- 1.3 NABIS operated as an autonomous organisation. It was not a legal entity and relied on two host forces, West Midlands Police and Greater Manchester Police, to manage employment and staffing as well as IT and transport arrangements.
- 1.4 Following the Parker Report ACPO recommended that the national units be delivered in the future under collaboration agreements. Accordingly NABIS began an independent process using the services of the NPCC appointed solicitors, namely Eversheds, to produce a collaboration agreement.
- 1.5 Two draft agreements have been consulted upon and a final document has now been circulated for execution by chief constables and police and crime commissioners. This version has sought to address the needs of all stakeholders.
- 1.6 The final version of the collaboration agreement sets out the basis for future collaboration, funding and engagement between forces and NABIS.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 The funding arrangements are explained in the collaboration agreement. Essentially contributions are determined according to the NABIS funding formula. By way of example, Suffolk's contribution for 2016/17 would be £21k to a total budget of £1.8m.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 3.1 There are no other material issues to report and no issues which touch and concern the Risk Register.

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?	Yes
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?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

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 and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the (add decision-maker's title e.g. the PCC).

Signature:



Date *20 March 2017*