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Police and Crime
Commissioner
for Warwickshire

Decision Application WPC20131

SHARED ICT AND DIGITAL SERVICES SECTION 22 AGREEMENT

Application Date:	30 March 2020 ¹	Name of Applicant:	Jan Cumming, Solicitor
Application Decision Reference:			
1. Summary of the application			
<p>To sign the Collaboration Agreement agreed between the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner of Warwickshire Police ("Warwickshire") and the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner of West Mercia Police ("West Mercia") pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) in relation to Shared ICT and Digital Services ("Shared ICT and Digital Services Agreement").</p>			
2. Background information:			
<p>Warwickshire and West Mercia were party to a Strategic Alliance Collaboration Agreement dated 25 July 2018 (the "2018 SACA"). The Strategic Alliance had been formed by an earlier collaboration agreement in 2012 for the operation of collaborated police services in a £300m policing alliance.</p> <p>On 8 October 2018 West Mercia served a notice terminating the 2018 SACA and intended that their termination would take effect on 8 October 2019. On 7 October 2019, a direction was made by the Home Secretary under Section 23G of the Police Act 1996 extending the 2018 SACA until 8 April 2020. The Home Office commissioned an independent team to review the collaborative arrangements. The independent review made recommendations in respect of arrangements from 8 April 2020.</p> <p>Having regard to that independent review and pursuant to their obligations to agree an exit strategy under the 2018 SACA, Warwickshire and West Mercia have agreed this Shared ICT and Digital Services Agreement. Together with an agreed settlement agreement and a section 22A collaboration agreement in respect of hosted services (forensics, transactional services and file storage), this Shared ICT and Digital Services Agreement shall constitute the agreed exit strategy.</p>			

¹ Decision notice prepared 1 April 2020. Application made orally and through legally privileged correspondence 27 March 2020.

Warwickshire and West Mercia agreed that the new arrangements should commence 1 April 2020 rather than 8 April 2020 to coincide with the financial year. They have agreed that the 2018 SACA shall be brought to an end on 31 March 2020.

The Shared ICT and Digital Services Agreement is a fixed term collaboration agreement pursuant to section 22A of the Act for shared ICT and digital services, in respect of which it has been agreed that an extended period of collaboration is required. This Shared ICT and Digital Services Agreement sets out the arrangements for the discharge of certain of the respective Policing Bodies' functions under this collaboration.

Warwickshire and West Mercia consider that the delivery of the services for the Term would be in the interests of the efficiency and/or effectiveness of one or more of the Policing Bodies or police forces and to enable transition of the services.

The Policing Bodies agree that they shall provide the financial resources and support to the services which may include premises, equipment, fleet, staff, services and facilities.

The Chief Officers agree that they should continue to collaborate in the services and that they shall provide the necessary officers, staff, equipment and support,

3. Whether additional information/report is attached to support this decision application

YES / NO

List of additional information/report

- a)
- b)
- c)

4. Expected benefits (non financial)

This Shared ICT and Digital Services Agreement will provide the force with critical ICT and digital services and provide for the transition from the 2018 SACA to the two forces operating independently of each other.

5. Impact of not approving the application

The ICT and digital services supporting the force's operations would be jeopardised, including applications, platforms, hosting, end-user computing, networking, IDAM/cyber and service management.

6. Costs

Capital & Revenue:

All the anticipated costs of this shared ICT and digital services arrangement are included within the 2020/21 budget.

7. Savings:

There are no direct savings included within the budget arising from this decision. However the investment in ICT and digital services will enable Warwickshire to transition to its new ICT service provider – West Midlands police in 2021. The investment will also help to improve the infrastructure and systems providing greater resilience and leading to more efficient working.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications:

None.

9. Treasurer's comments

All the costs of the shared service are contained within the 2020/21 budget and capital programme as approved by the PCC in February 2020. The costs will continue to be monitored closely throughout 2020/21 to ensure that they are delivered within budget.

10. Legal/Monitoring Officer comments

The Commissioner has received legally privileged advice throughout the process of negotiating and agreeing the terms of the Shared ICT and Digital Services Agreement.

Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner

Agreed.

PCC Signature:



Date of Decision: 30 March 2020 (Decision record prepared 1 April 2020)