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Police and Crime  
Commissioner  
for Warwickshire

## Decision Application WPC20132

# HOSTED TRANSACTIONAL SERVICES SECTION 22 AGREEMENT

<b>Application Date:</b>	30 March 2020 <sup>1</sup>	<b>Name of Applicant:</b>	Jan Cumming, Solicitor
<b>Application Decision Reference: WPC20132</b>			
<b>1. Summary of the application</b>			
<p>To sign the Collaboration Agreement agreed between the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner of Warwickshire Police (“<b>Warwickshire</b>”) and the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner of West Mercia Police (“<b>West Mercia</b>”) pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) in relation to Hosted Services (Forensics, Transactional Services and File Storage) (“<b>Hosted Services Agreement</b>”).</p>			
<b>2. Background information:</b>			
<p>Warwickshire and West Mercia were party to a Strategic Alliance Collaboration Agreement dated 25 July 2018 (the “<b>2018 SACA</b>”). The Strategic Alliance had been formed by an earlier collaboration agreement in 2012 for the operation of collaborated police services in a c£300,000,000 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 Hosted Services Agreement. Together with an agreed settlement agreement and a section 22A collaboration agreement in respect of shared ICT and digital services, this Hosted Services Agreement shall constitute the agreed exit strategy.</p>			

<sup>1</sup> 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 Hosted Services Agreement is a fixed term collaboration agreement pursuant to section 22A of the Act for forensics, transactional services and file storage. This Hosted 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 hosted services for 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**

**NO**

**List of additional information/report**

- a)
- b)

**4. Expected benefits (non financial)**

This Hosted Services Agreement will provide the force with critical services for forensic analysis, transactional services and file and exhibit storage.

The Hosted Services Agreement will provide for the transition from the 2018 SACA to the two forces operating independently of each other.

**5. Impact of not approving the application**

Access to forensics and to key transactional services would be jeopardised and service delivery may be affected.

**6. Costs**

All the anticipated costs of the hosted transactional services arrangement are included within the 2020/21 budget and these will be monitored throughout

2020/21 to ensure that they keep within the budget parameters. Any areas of significant variance will be considered and managed as part of the regular budget monitoring routines.

**7. Savings:**

There are no direct savings associated with this decision. However, this arrangement will provide continuity of service and time to set up and enable a smooth transition of transactional service provision to a new partner, which will ultimately provide a more efficient and cost effective service, which will realise savings over the MTFP.

**8. Equality and Diversity Implications:**

None.

**9. Treasurer's comments**

All the anticipated costs of the shared service are contained within the 2020/21 budget 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 Hosted Services Agreement.

**Decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Agreed



**PCC Signature:**

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