

## Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

**Title:** Section 22a Agreement in relation to South East Regional Collaborative Units  
**Decision number:** 062/2014  
**Author and Job Role:** Johanna Burne, Chief Executive  
**Protective Marking:** Not Protectively Marked

### Executive Summary

Sections 22 and 23 of the Police Act 1996 provide for joint working between police forces and/or Police & Crime Commissioners where, in the opinion of the Chief Constable or Commissioner, collaboration would deliver greater efficiency or effectiveness. The Commissioner has agreed to sign a collaboration agreement under Section 22a of the Police Act 1996 which relates to collaboration between the South East police forces in relation to regional collaborative units including the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROCU) and the South East Counter Terrorism Unit (SECTU).

### Background

The PCCs and Chief Constables in the South East region of policing (covering Hampshire, Kent, Surrey, Sussex and Thames Valley police areas) have agreed to establish collaboration arrangements for regional collaborative units including the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROCU) and the South East Counter Terrorism Unit (SECTU). As required in legislation a Section 22A agreement has been written to ensure that the responsibilities of the Chief Constables and PCCs are clear and unambiguous.

The Parties have agreed to establish from 1 April 2014 a regional organised crime unit, to be known as the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (“SEROCU”), to provide relevant services to and on behalf of all Forces. The Parties have decided to establish the SEROCU under a ‘host’ model whereby all officers of SEROCU will be officers of the Thames Valley Police and all members of staff of the unit will be employed by the Chief Constable of Thames Valley Police

The Section 22A Agreement has been approved by all of the PCCs and Chief Constables in the South Region. Details of the agreement will not be published given its operational nature.

### Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:



Date:

02/05/2014

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

## **Areas of consideration**

### **Consultation**

The PCCs and Chief Constables for the South East Region have been consulted and all have signed the Section 22a agreement.

### **Financial implications**

These are covered in the agreement. The Head of each Collaborative Unit in conjunction with the regional ACC shall prepare a draft Annual Business Plan and draft Annual Budget for submission to the Regional Governance Board within a timeframe to be determined by the Regional Governance Board. The Annual Budget shall be prepared in accordance with the financial regulations of the host force. All parties will adopt and comply with the principles set out in the Collaboration Finance Protocol and Financial Principles and the agreement details the contribution of each PCC for their force area.

### **Risks**

The agreement will improve the region's ability and resilience in dealing with serious crime and counter-terrorism and thereby reduce risk in these areas.

### **Equality and diversity**

No implications.

### **Risks to human rights**

No risks.