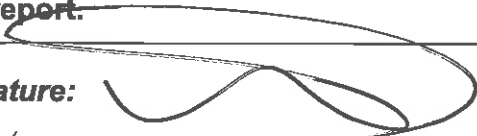


**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR LINCOLNSHIRE
REQUEST FOR DECISION**

REF: 13 / 2017
DATE: 16 June 2017

SUBJECT		NATIONAL BALLISTICS INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (NABIS) – COLLABORATION AGREEMENT
REPORT BY	Head of Crime	
CONTACT OFFICER	DCS Chris Davison	
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT		
<p>The need for a collaboration agreement in respect of the National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) comes about as a result of the change from the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) in 2014, following the Parker Report which was an independent review of ACPO and its national policing units.</p> <p>NABIS provides fast time ballistic intelligence for forces across the UK, helping forces to identify how firearms move from local to location and force to force. It provides valuable intelligence that helps forces to understand the nature and threat of gun crime locally, regionally and nationally.</p> <p>The establishment of NABIS with Greater Manchester and West Midlands Police as lead forces has resulted in the need for a S22A agreement to clarify funding, governance and staffing arrangements.</p>		
RECOMMENDATION	<i>The PCC signs the Section 22A collaboration agreement in relation to NABIS.</i>	

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.	
Signature: 	Date: 16/6/17

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. The National Ballistics Intelligence Service (NABIS) is an organisation governed by the National Policing structure and is supported by the police forces of England and Wales.

2. NABIS uses forensic science in conjunction with tactical and strategic intelligence evaluation and dissemination to tackle the supply, use and manufacture of illegal firearms and ammunition.
3. The effectiveness of NABIS as a national service is dependent on its ability to provide timely factual intelligence data. This is only possible if all police forces and contributing agencies submit material and associated intelligence to NABIS in a timely fashion. Failure or delay in doing so may not only damage the operational effectiveness of both NABIS and UK Law Enforcement as a whole, but it may also limit the effectiveness of investigations in other force areas. As a result, possible gun crime linkages could remain unknown and unexplored.
4. In extreme cases, failure or delay in entering data or intelligence on to the Database, or the timely submission of recovered ballistic items to the hubs for examination, could hinder or prevent the arrest of offenders who may then go on to commit other and more serious crimes.
5. The key objectives of the agreement are to set up and define the functions and responsibilities of NABIS as defined within Schedule 1 of the Agreement and the Memorandum of Understanding which will then be delivered by the Parties set out in the terms of the agreement.
6. The agreement defines a minimum operating framework in relation to the timeliness, quality and volume of relevant ballistic material submissions to NABIS. It defines a minimum operating standard in relation to the timeliness, quantity and quality of NABIS Database entries created by police forces and law enforcement agencies. It also provides a clear understanding of the level of service that police forces and law enforcement agencies can expect from NABIS.

A2. LINKS TO POLICE AND CRIME PLAN AND PCC'S STRATEGIES/PRIORITIES

7. This agreement clearly has a direct impact on Lincolnshire police's ability to share intelligence not just with other forces but with other agencies under the PCC's strategic aim of reducing crime. It also directly impacts on our ability to respond to a gun crime when it occurs and hold offenders to account. The funding formula is based on a fair deal for the police of Lincolnshire as it is directly linked to the number of gun crimes that are experienced in the county.
8. It is a key aspect of the fight against serious and organised crime in the county.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. These are detailed in the s22A agreement. Essentially, contributions are determined according to the NABIS funding formula. Lincolnshire's contribution for 2016/17 would be £20.5k for a total budget of £1.8m.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

[This should include the legal powers the PCC has for making the decision]

10. This agreement has been reviewed by East Midlands Police Legal Services, and issues raised in the previous two versions of the Agreement have been addressed satisfactorily.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

11. No personnel or equalities issues have been identified.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

12. There is an embedded review and management process in the agreement with suitable revision conditions.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

13. There would be a risk posed to the force if an arrangement with NABIS was not reached. This would be managed via the force's risk register.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

14. Information in this form along with any supporting material is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the PCC's website within one working day of approval. However, if release by that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved, publication may be deferred. An explanation for any deferment must be provided below, together with a date for publication.

Is the publication of this form to be deferred? No

If Yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

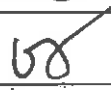

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Is there a part 2 form? YES

If Yes, for what reason:

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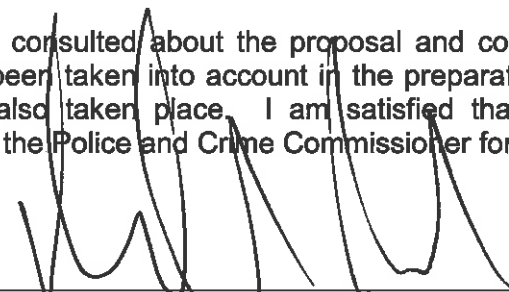
ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: The Head of Crime recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	CMD.
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal. The CC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	JCF SC
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	
Chief Constable: The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	

OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. Consultation outlined above has also taken place. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire.

Signature: 

Date: 16/6/17