


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

**REF: 008/2018
DATE: 1 February 2018**

SUBJECT	LINCOLNSHIRE BLUELIGHT COLLABORATION
REPORT BY	ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER (RESOURCES)
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT	
<p>Following the a successful bid for Home Office Police Innovation funding to develop and build an integrated tri-service emergency service operational base in Lincoln, a joint Fire & Police HQ and a Shared Fire & Police Control Room significant work has progressed to deliver this programme of work.</p> <p>Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) services were successfully co-located into the existing Lincolnshire Police HQ in March 2017, with their Control Room due to co-locate to the Police Control Room in March 2018. Designs for the tri-service operational base in Lincoln have been agreed and initial grounds works have commenced at the previous LFR HQ on South Park in Lincoln, with the build completion date being September 2019.</p> <p>To ensure all three emergency services successfully enjoy the outcomes of this innovative solution it is essential that all parties work in collaboraiton, whilst ensuring individual services are provided with assurances of appropriate governance and financial arrangements.</p> <p>All three parties have jointly worked to achieve this and this has resulted in the production of a Collaboration Agreement. The Agreement details how the parties shall continue to work collaboratively with the key aims of the Lincolnshire Blue Light Collaboration Programme being:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • keeping Lincolnshire communities safe; • obtaining a better emergency service for less; • keeping emergency services jobs within Lincolnshire wherever possible. 	
RECOMMENDATION	<i>That the Lincolnshire Bluelight Collaboration Agreement is approved and signed by the Police & Crime Commissioner.</i>

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.	
Signature: 	Date: 1/2/18

A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC

A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1. With increasing demands for some of our services, coupled with the current and ongoing climate of austerity, public services have been encouraged to work more closely, and collaboration provides an opportunity to truly innovate. It is clear that collaboration is driven by both efficiency and effectiveness and the need to save money. However, this is not just related to achieving savings, it is also about delivering better services and outcomes for the public.
2. In April 2015 initial discussions commenced to explore opportunities of working more collaboratively with Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue (LFR) and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) along with interoperability between emergency services in Lincolnshire and to develop a model for further integration of services. From these initial discussions it was confirmed that there was a collective enthusiasm for progressing with the opportunities which had been identified. The strategic leads for Lincolnshire Police, the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, Lincolnshire County Council and East Midlands Ambulance Service agree that this collaboration is progressed.
3. A bid was subsequently made to the Home Office for Innovation funding and this was awarded for 2016/17 and 2017/18. As a result of this, the Bluelight programme was formally established.
4. Significant progress has been made with the delivery of the various elements of the programme, and running in parallel with this, the development of a Collaboration Agreement has also been progressed. Following initial drafting, there have been several detailed meetings working through the detail to ensure all parties are fairly represented and the Agreement meets needs of the Collaboration as well as the individual needs of each Organisation. This has now been agreed by the Strategic leads of each service along with their legal representatives.

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

This Collaboration links to the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and strategic priorities as below:-

- In the introduction to his Plan, the PCC states *"one example where we are already taking action is in working towards more responsive and collaborative working between emergency services in Lincolnshire to better serve the community. A new ambulance, fire and police station for Lincoln, joint working and shared buildings across the county and a shared fire and police HQ are the early projects and I am committed with all emergency service partners to work together to find other ways to improve the service and outcomes for the public"*.
- The strategic aim of Community safety and prevention in partnership includes *"Integrated working and information sharing between agencies"*.
- The strategic aim of Policing that works - Effective policing, there when you need it and responsive to differing community needs; Work with other Lincolnshire emergency services to explore where closer collaboration and integration will make services to the public better is supported as this aim includes:-

- Establish a shared police and fire headquarters.
- Establish a fit for purpose, combined police, fire and ambulance station in Lincoln to share resources and to support and enhance their emergency response to the public.
- Implement an estate review and rationalisation program with emergency service and public sector partners to reduce spending on buildings to concentrate on investment in policing and outcomes for residents.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Collaboration Agreement includes details of the financial contributions of each of the three parties, along with the Funding Principles (Schedule 2 of the Agreement) and the HO Grant Agreement (Appendix 1 and 2) and confirms the “apportionment ratio” for expenditure by each service.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

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

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides provision for the PCC to enter into contracts as provided within this Agreement.

East Midlands Police Legal Services have been fully involved in the development and final version of this Collaboration Agreement to ensure the PCC is acting within his legal authority and also that this Agreement provides the required management of risks and liabilities for the PCC.

D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES

All staff will remain employed by their respective Organisations.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Collaboration Agreement includes clauses which relate to Variations of the Agreement, Lock-in / minimum periods, withdrawal and termination.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Management will be monitored by each of the three services via their existing risk management processes. The Collaboration Agreement includes a governance structure which will enable any risk or issues to be jointly discussed, managed and resolved but also includes an escalation process and a Dispute procedure

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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: N/A

Until what date: N/A

Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate part 2 form.

Is there a part 2 form? Yes

If Yes, for what reason: The Lincolnshire Blue Light Collaboration Agreement contains commercially sensitive information belonging to the Parties to the agreement.

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

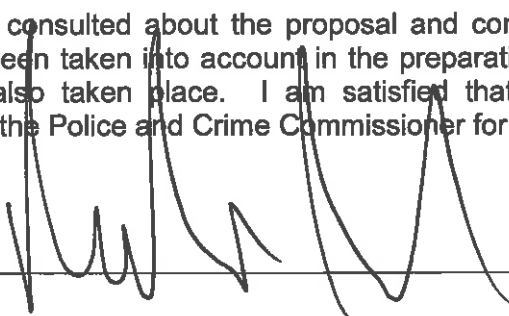
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Originating Officer: The Assistant Chief Officer recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above.	AD
Financial advice: The PCC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	CBF
Monitoring Officer: The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	WJ

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:

1/2/18