

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

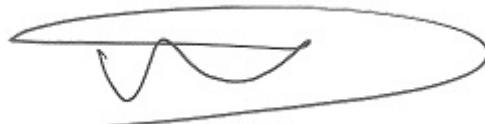
REF: 05/2023

DATE: 24 July 2023

<b>SUBJECT</b>		<b>PROVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE</b>
<b>REPORT BY</b>	<b>CHIEF CONSTABLE</b>	
<b>CONTACT OFFICER</b>	<b>D/C/Supt Andy Cox, Head of Crime</b>	
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT</b>		
This is an agreement drawn up to support the provision of criminal justice business support by Leicestershire to Lincolnshire, in the aftermath of the disaggregation of EMCJS. This report seeks to gain PCC support for that agreement.		
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<i>That the Police and Crime Commissioner approves the agreement around the provision of criminal justice business support by Leicestershire to Lincolnshire.</i>	

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LINCOLNSHIRE**

I hereby approve the recommendation above, having considered the content of this report.

  
**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date: 24 July 2023**

**A. NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE PCC**

**A1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

1. On the 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 the East Midlands Criminal Justice Service (EMCJS) officially ended. This move was initiated by two of the collaborating forces reaching the decision to not to renew their participation in the collaboration, resulting in the service as it stood becoming unsustainable. A process was therefore worked through, and the regional structure was brought to an end, the staff either being redeployed or finding new roles outside of policing.
2. The regional service around business support that Lincolnshire received from the regional team also ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> August. Each of the four forces in the previous collaboration (Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire) undertook a review of what was needed and how this support would be provided.

3. The outcome of this review was that Leicestershire took the decision to create a business support team with audit and performance analysis capability. Lincolnshire took the view that it was not the right time to set up a similar team (the rationale for that decision is an internal thing and does not form part of this report). The services that were needed would therefore need to be sourced elsewhere.
4. Discussions took place between Lincolnshire and Leicestershire and an agreement was reached, subject to approval by Chief Constables and PCCs, that Leicestershire would provide a paid for service to Lincolnshire. An Agreement has been prepared setting out the terms of the support to be provided.
5. This agreement is currently for a 12-month period, subject to extension should both forces agree.

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

The Agreement links to the Police and Crime Commissioner's objective of reducing crime, within the Police and Crime Plan.

## **B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Details of the financial arrangements, and Lincolnshire's payments to Leicestershire, are included in Schedule 1 ('Commercial Terms') of the agreement.

## **C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 ("the Act") makes provision for the governance and administration of police forces. The Act charges the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire with securing the maintenance, efficiency and effectiveness of Lincolnshire Police.

The Agreement 'In relation to the provision of Criminal justice support services for Lincolnshire police' has been created and reviewed by EMPLS, who have advised that there are no concerns with the Agreement in accordance with the instructions they have received.

## **D. PERSONNEL AND EQUALITIES ISSUES**

There are no perceived personnel or equalities issues related to this decision. The service will be provided by personnel in Leicestershire, working with designated colleagues in Lincolnshire as required. As and when Lincolnshire set up an appropriate mechanism in force to deliver these services then those tasks will fall on Lincolnshire personnel.

**E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS**

This agreement is for an initial 12-month period so will be reviewed towards the end of that period. This review will be for Lincolnshire to undertake in terms of whether they still require or want the service provision, and for Leicestershire to review whether that team can still support the requirements.

**F. RISK MANAGEMENT**

Each force will maintain its own risk register as appropriate. There is a shared Senior Management Team meeting, held monthly, that both forces attend, so shared issues and risks will be monitored and managed via that forum.

**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:**

**Until what date:**

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?** No

**If Yes, for what reason:**

## DECLARATIONS

	Initial to confirm
Originating Officer: D/C/Supt Andy Cox recommends this proposal for the reasons outlined above	AC
The CC's Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on this proposal	SC
The Chief Constable has been consulted on this proposal	CH
The Head of Finance has been consulted on this proposal	MK
The PCC's Monitoring Officer has been consulted on this proposal	MB

## 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: 13 July 2023**