Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title:	Review of the Section 22A agreement for the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit and South East
	Counter-Terrorism Unit
Decision number:	002/2017
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Protective Marking:	OFFICIAL

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. In March 2014, the Chief Constables and PCCs of Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Thames Valley and Kent entered into a collaboration agreement under Section 22a of the Police Act 1996 which related to collaboration of regional units including the South East Regional Organised Crime Unit (SEROCU) and the South East Counter Terrorism Unit (SECTU). The arrangement commenced on 1st April 2014.

Under the conditions of the Agreement, it should be subject to review no less frequently than every two years. To inform this review, feedback has been sought from leads across the region which has resulted in a number of amendments, details of which have been shared with the PCC who in turn has sought assurance from the Chief Constable.

Details of the agreement or the variations will not be published given their operational nature.

Recommendation

That the S22A Variation document relating to the SEROCU and SECTU be approved.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature:

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Date: 20/02/2017

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The PCC has sought assurance on the operational merits of the variations from the Chief Constable.

Financial implications

None arising.

Legal N/A

Risks

The PCC will be able to maintain oversight of the collaborative arrangements through the SE Regional Collaboration Board.

Equality and diversity None arising.

Risks to human rights None arising.