

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Title: Section 22A Collaboration Agreement regarding the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)
Decision number: 004/2012
Author and Job Role: Alison Bolton, 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 arrangements for Surrey Police under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).

Background

Formerly, the legislative provisions within the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) and Part III of the Police Act 1997 restricted the ability of authorising officers from one Force to grant authorisations in another force and restricted the use of covert surveillance, covert human intelligence sources and property interference in collaborative environments. Under the revised legislation (the Policing & Crime Act 2009 and the Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011), collaboration agreements under section 22A of the Police Act 1996 are able to vary these restrictions.

The Section 22A Agreement has been approved by the Chief Constable for signature. Details of the agreement will not be published given its sensitive operational nature.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation(s):

Signature: 

Date: 23rd November 2012

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

None required.

Financial implications

None arising.

Risks

None arising for the Commissioner.

Equality and diversity

No implications.

Risks to human rights

No risks.