

Police and Crime Commissioner for Surrey – Decision Making Record

Report Title: Section 22a Collaboration Agreement for the ACRO Criminal Records Office
Decision number: 151/2016
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Executive Summary:

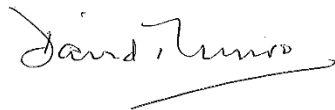
The PCC is asked to enter into a collaboration agreement under Section 22A of the Police Act 1996 which relates to the ACRO Criminal Records Office (ACRO). ACRO is a national unit which organises the management of criminal record information and improves links between criminal records and biometric information. It works with police forces and other law enforcement agencies throughout the UK.

In 2013, a review examined the role of the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) and a number of national units that sat under its remit. The future of ACRO was considered as part of this wider review. The review concluded that the unit continued to offer value for money and that it should continue to be hosted by Hampshire Constabulary who have responsibility for its 'direction and control'.

It is now necessary to provide a vehicle for ACRO's collaborative and co-ordinated policing activity to take place. It is therefore proposed that an Agreement be made pursuant to Section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) which sets out how ACRO will operate and amongst other matters describe how the funding arrangements and governance are to be put in place. Along with other PCCs and Chief Constables, Surrey's PCC is asked to sign this Agreement.

Police and Crime Commissioner Approval

I approve the recommendation:



Signature:

Date: 04/10/2016

All decisions must be added to the decision register.

Areas of consideration

Consultation

The Agreement has been subject to extensive consultation with PCCs via the Association of Police & Crime Commissioner Chief Executives.

Financial implications

Funding arrangements for ACRO are diverse. Future funding allocation is still being negotiated and it is anticipated that ACRO will be funded through contributions from Chief Officers' in agreement with their corresponding Policing Body, using an agreed formula, third party contributions from other ACRO users or top slicing from the police budget and ACRO reserves in addition to income generation.

Legal

The Agreement has been subject to legal review.

Risks

None specific arising for the PCC.

Equality and diversity

No issues.

Risks to human rights

No issues.