



East Midlands Police Collaboration

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Agenda Item No.

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Meeting	EAST MIDLANDS POLICE AUTHORITIES' JOINT COMMITTEE
Date	20th January 2012
Subject	Governance of 2/3/4 Force Collaborations
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To update the Joint Committee on proposals for the Governance of 2/3/4 Force Collaborative work-streams.	
RECOMMENDATION	That the East Midlands Police Authority Joint Committee: Approve the proposal that EMPAJC provides the governance for all (2/3/4/5) Force Collaborative work-streams.

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Background

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Collaboration Board on 5th September 2011 Members agreed that the governance of regional collaboration required updating to reflect the increased scale of activity and to ensure that Police Authorities had proper oversight of collaborative activity.
- 1.2 This resulted in a piece of work by the Police Authority Chief Executives that was coordinated by Malcolm Burch and resulted in the production of a paper for consideration at the EMPAJC meeting on 12th December 2011.

2. Development of S23 Collaborative Agreements

- 2.1 As part of the development of a number of collaborative agreements, sections have been written to detail the respective governance arrangements. This has recently raised the question of governance for collaborative ventures that do not involve all five forces.

For Example:

Procurement	(Derbys, Northants & Notts)
HR Transactional Services	(Derbys, Leics & Notts)
HR Learning & Development	(Derbys, Leics, Northants & Notts)
Forensics	(Derbys, Lincs & Notts) and (Leics & Northants)

3. Potential Options

Option A:

All collaborative work-streams are governed by EMPAJC.

Where there are agenda items that forces are not involved in they would remain silent.

This would be an efficient and effective governance structure, keeping the number of meetings to a minimum.

It would allow all five forces to be kept sighted on developments and provide opportunities for future collaborative expansion.

Option B:

EMPAJC oversees all five force collaborative work-streams but any other ventures develop their own respective governance structures.

This would provide a number of forums that could focus on specific business areas and provide a degree of confidentiality between participating forces.

It would however dramatically increase the number of meetings within the region and there would be a loss of overarching governance of the entire collaborative programme.

4. Chief Constable Consultation

- 4.1 Initial feedback from early consultation with Chief Constables has indicated that they would have a preference for **Option A** sighting the following key factors:

- Be the most efficient and effective Governance Structure
- Allow all five forces to be kept sighted on developments

- Provide opportunities for future collaborative expansion

5. Recommendation

5.1 The East Midlands Police Authority Joint Committee:

Approve the proposal that EMPAJC provides the governance for all (2/3/4/5) Force Collaborative Ventures.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

See above

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

Considered in individual business cases

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES (including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People.)

Individual business cases are subject to Equality Impact Assessment processes.

E. RISK MANAGEMENT

Each business case has a respective risk management process.

F. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

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G. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A