Record of Decision

ORIGINATOR: Chief Executive	**REFERENCE: OPCC.D.027.21**

TITLE: South East & Eastern Region Police Insurance Consortium (SEERPIC)

OPEN ☒ CONFIDENTIAL ☐	***Reason if Confidential:***

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The South East and Eastern Region Police Insurance Consortium (SEERPIC) has been in existence for 20 years. Through the exploitation of knowledge and experience it operates as an insurance purchasing consortium and also as a vehicle to lever improvements in managing risk across the 10 participating forces and 20 corporations soles with the aim of securing best value in insurance and related services.

Whilst SEERPIC has operated successfully, it has not had a Section 22A (S22A)[1] agreement signed by all 20 corporations sole to underpin the arrangement.

A S22A was drafted in 2015 and signed by a number of corporations' sole, but not all, due to a breakdown in the signing process. The 2015 document has therefore been used as a guide to help frame an approach for resolving difficult and often complex decisions.

However, it is important for an arrangement as significant and complex as SEERPIC to have the safety net of a formal S22A agreement fully signed by all parties.

As SEERPIC has been in existence for so long, and is a mature "business as usual" model, the signing of the S22A is merely formalising the arrangements, but does give Commissioners and Chief Constables the assurance and protection of the conditions as set out in the agreement.

[1] S22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended) enables chief officers of police and local policing bodies to make an agreement about the discharge of functions by officers and staff where it is in the interests of the efficiency or effectiveness of their own and other police force areas.

RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner is recommended to sign the SEERPIC S22A to formalise the existing and long-standing arrangements.

DECISION

To endorse and sign the SEERPIC S22A agreement.

Chief Finance Officer:

Comments: The S22A formalises an otherwise existing consortium that has been in place and has worked effectively for a number of years in securing best value in insurance. I am content that this agreement reflects the current operating conditions and therefore can be agreed.

Signature:  Date: …10 May 2021

Chief Executive:

Comments: Commissioner, I fully support the formal signing of a S22A for the provision of insurance through the SEERPIC consortium. This is an established provision of insurance for the consortium members; it does not alter this in any way but places the agreement on a formal footing.

Signature:  Date: …10 May 2021

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR KENT

Comments: Puts the existing arrangements on a more formal footing.

Signature:  Date: …10 May 2021

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	Report to Commissioners and Chief Constables from Chair of SEERPIC

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: Police and Crime Plan *(please indicate which objectives decision/recommendation supports)*	Supports delivery of the Commissioner's priorities by maximising collaborative opportunities, securing value for money and ensuring the maintenance of an efficient an effective service to the public of Kent and Medway.
Has an Equality Impact Assessment been completed?	Yes ☐ No ☒ *(If yes, please include within background documents)*
Will the decision have a differential/adverse impact on any particular diversity strand? *(e.g. age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion/belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage/civil partnership, pregnancy/maternity)*	Yes ☐ No ☒ The decision is administrative in nature. Therefore, it does not have a differential/adverse impact on any particular strand of diversity.