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Nottinghamshire Police Collaboration Update

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Police and Crime Panel with an update on collaboration relating to Nottinghamshire Police.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members of the Panel note the contents of this report.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Panel is requested to read and note this report in order to ensure that they are up-to-date in relation to the Force's and Police and Crime Commissioner's approach to collaboration.

4. Summary of Key Points

- 4.1 Nottinghamshire Police remains committed to the strategic vision and the key principles of collaboration, which are that; local policing will remain local, it will focus on operational and non-operational support, and the benefits and costs will be shared between the five Forces.
- 4.2 The Force collaborates as part of a number of five and four force collaborations, which are outlined in the table below:

Table 1 – Five and Four Force Collaborations: Nottinghamshire Police

Five Force Collaborations	Four Force Collaborations
East Midlands Special Operations Unit (EMSOU)	HR Learning and Development (EMCHRS L&D)
East Midlands Legal Services	East Midlands Criminal Justice Service (EMCJS)
HR Occupational Health (EMCHRS OH)	

- 4.3 Nottinghamshire Police is also in collaboration with Northamptonshire Police for commercial and procurement provisions.
- 4.4 The Nottinghamshire Chief Officer Team receive regular updates from each of the five and four force collaborative areas at the Force Executive Board on a quarterly basis. This includes updates on the Force's contribution in terms of resources and financial matters. Performance of the collaborations is also monitored at the Force Performance Board.
- 4.5 The East Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Board oversees each of the collaborations in terms of governance and individual Chief Constables are held to account by their respective PCCs via local governance arrangements for performance.

Tri Force Collaboration

- 4.6 At the Tri Force Collaboration Board on 6th March 2017, the three Forces (Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire) decided not to progress with the proposal for a joint control hub and a single Professional Standards alongside other joint business areas and systems.
- 4.7 It was also decided at meeting in March 2017 that Nottinghamshire Police would retain its own Head of HR.
- 4.8 Finally, it was agreed at the meeting that the Tri Force Collaboration Board would be disbanded with immediate effect and, therefore, all work relating to the tri-force collaboration would cease under this umbrella. Work with regards to future sharing for HR, IT and Finance would then be taken forward by the East Midlands Collaboration Board.
- 4.9 However, due to the Northamptonshire PCC seeking other options in relation to IT, plans for HR, IT and Finance to be delivered through collaboration are no longer being developed. Nottinghamshire Police is continuing to look at options to deliver these projects more efficiently and effectively, including opportunities for collaborative solutions where appropriate.

East Midlands Operational Support Services

- 4.10 EMOpSS was established in May 2015 between the four forces of East Midlands Police Services (Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Northamptonshire, and Nottinghamshire).
- 4.11 In 2017, Chief Constable Guildford, as the responsible lead officer for EMOpSS, commissioned a post implementation review of EMOpSS.
- 4.12 Following the review, it was agreed by the four forces that Nottinghamshire would return to delivering the functions previously provided by EMOpSS to local delivery in Nottinghamshire.

4.13 In May of this year Nottinghamshire Police moved all operational resources involved in the East Midlands Operational Support Services (EMOpSS) back to Nottinghamshire. The Nottinghamshire Operational Support Department has been established to provide the functions previously delivered through EMOpSS for Nottinghamshire Police.

4.14 These functions are:

- Armed policing, including armed police training
- Strategic roads policing and serious collision investigation
- Specialist search
- Operational and emergency planning

4.15 The force is currently working with EMOpSS Armed Police Training until 1st October 2018. During this period, Nottinghamshire Police will work with EMOpSS and the College of Policing to obtain a training licence to enable the Force to deliver armed police training in Force.

Blue Light Collaboration

4.16 Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) are working together under the strategic guidance of the Blue Light Strategic Collaboration Board. The Board is attended by the PCC, the Chair of the Fire Authority, the Chief Constable and the Chief Fire Officer.

4.17 Some examples of areas in which there has been notable progress include:

- Provision of a Police 'Front Desk' facility at Carlton Fire Station.
- The commissioning of a joint Estates Strategy for NFRS, Nottinghamshire Police and East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS); examining potential rationalisation of estates across the three organisations and the sharing of surplus accommodation.
- Provision of a Neighbourhood Policing 'drop in' at London Road Fire Station for the Meadows Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- Development of a Rural Safety Folder to support prevention activities.
- Co-location of NFRS Resilience and Emergency Planning Station Manager at Sherwood Lodge three days per week.

4.18 Work is continuing a pace in this area of business. Working collaboratively with NFRS will produce many benefits including improved efficiency and effectiveness across many areas of service delivery for both organisations.

4.19 Other work that is currently in development includes:

- A scoping exercise into the possibility of crews assisting the Police and Notts Search and Rescue in their searches for high risk vulnerable persons. This would help facilitate an enhanced response to missing persons utilising the capacity and specialisms of NFRS.
- Work is being undertaken to scope the potential for NFRS to assist with entry to buildings when the police require more specialist equipment.

- Work is on-going to look at how the two agencies can further work together to respond to CBRN incidents.
- A Prevention work stream is considering how by adopting an improved Multi-agency approach progress can be made in tackling some of the big issues relating to the districts most vulnerable and at risk families and individuals.

5. Financial Implications and Budget Provision

- 5.1 Nottinghamshire Police Chief Officer Team monitor the financial implications of collaboration at their Force Executive Board on a monthly basis, through regular briefings with the Head of Finance and at the monthly Force Performance Board, chaired by the Deputy Chief Constable.
- 5.2 Collaborative budgets indicate a funding shortfall across the East Midlands collaborations for 2019/20 and 2020/21. To address this, a Regional Efficiency and Leadership Board has been established to carry out an efficiency review. The Board will be chaired by a Chief Constable and will report directly to the Joint PCC/Chief Constable Board. The timescale for reporting back to the PCCs and CCs on findings and efficiency options is September 2018.
- 5.3 Nottinghamshire Police is committed to keeping collaboration opportunities under review to collaborate where it is in the interests of the efficiency and effectiveness of the Force area. This is in line with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility 2011 Act.
- 5.4 Collaborative opportunities for Nottinghamshire will provide value for money through the optimisation of financial, human and other resources.

6. Human Resources Implications

- 6.1 The Chief Officer Team monitor the Force contribution in terms of resources to the collaborations at the Force Executive Boards on a quarterly basis.

7. Equality Implications

- 7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

8. Risk Management

- 8.1 Any significant risks relating to the collaborations are monitored by the Chief Officer Team at the Force Executive Boards on a quarterly basis.

9. Policy Implications and links to the Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 9.1 There are no policy implications in relation to this report.
- 9.2 Collaboration opportunities are intrinsically linked to the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan priorities. Specifically priorities 3, 'Focus on priority crime types and those local areas that are most affected by crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) and 7, 'Spending your money wisely'.

9.3 We are committed to exploring opportunities for collaboration and partnership working to improve the resilience and effectiveness of local services.

10. Changes in Legislation or other Legal Considerations

10.1 There are no changes in legislation or other legal considerations to take into account regarding this report.

11. Details of outcome of consultation

11.1 There has been no other consultation in relation to this report.

12. Appendices

12.1 There are no appendices attached to this report.

13. Background Papers (relevant for Police and Crime Panel Only)

13. There are no background papers relating to this report.