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| **Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision** | |
| PCCG-2023-048 | Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session |
| Subject | Development and Funding of Joint Firearms Range |
| Summary | The purpose of this paper is to record the decision to enter into a S.22a Collaboration Agreement in relation to funding the acquisition and development of a Joint Firearms Training Facility with South Wales Police and Dyfed Powys Police |

**DECISION**

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| 1. | In order to ensure the accreditation of Firearms Officers within the Joint Firearms Unit in Southern Wales, it is necessary to build a new firearms training facility which is compliant with Home Office requirements due to the former range in Waterton, Bridgend no longer being fit for purpose.  A new site in Pencoed, Bridgend was identified and initial Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) stages were pursued in order to assess the viability and affordability of the project.  The governance of this process has been supported by Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Board. The three Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables attend the Platinum level Board.  The Senior Responsible Officer for the project is Assistant Chief Constable Mark Hobrough of Gwent Police. |
| 2. | The Collaboration Agreement is made pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 (as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) which enables chief officers of police and local policing bodies as defined in the Police Act 1996, and other parties to make agreements in the interests or the efficiency or effectiveness of their own and other police force areas.  The current estimate for the acquisition of the property and the development of the facility is £59.34 million albeit the parties acknowledge and agree that this is the budget as at the date of this agreement and may be subject to increases which shall be managed via the Boards. Gwent will pay £16,619k of the relevant agreed proportion of this total.  Funding provision has been made throughout the budget setting process in relation to this project. |
| 3. | I agree to enter the Collaboration Agreement and support the acquisition and development of the Training Facility. A further Collaboration Agreement will be required to govern the operational elements of the facility. |

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| **Mr Jeff Cuthbert B.SC., MCIPD, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent** | |
| My decision is as I have recorded in this paper | |
| Signed | Date  22.03.2024 |

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| **Background papers** | * Section 22a Collaboration Agreement for the acquisition and development of the Joint Firearms Training Facility * Relevant Papers for the Platinum Board |