

Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision	
PCCG-2013-104	Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent Decision Session
Subject	Operation Tarian Section 22A Collaboration Agreement
Summary	To record the decision of the Police and Crime Commissioner regarding the formalising of Operation Tarian by entering into a collaboration agreement with the Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables of South Wales and Dyfed Powys.

DECISION

1. The Chief Constables and the former Police Authorities and now the Police and Crime Commissioners of the three southern Wales forces (Gwent, South Wales and Dyfed Powys) have been successfully collaborating for 10 years under the umbrella of Operation Tarian albeit in the absence of a signed formal agreement. Tarian was created in response to the increased threat of Class A drugs in communities and receives funding support from the Welsh Government and the Home Office.
2. Initially, Operation Tarian consisted solely of a Regional Task Force (RTF) that provided an additional enforcement capability. In subsequent years Tarian has evolved into a Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU) including a Regional Intelligence Unit (RIU), Regional Asset Recovery Team (RART) and Confidential Unit. The unit now forms part of the national infrastructure and provides capacity and capability to the southern Wales forces in tackling serious and organised crime. Tarian's main functions can be summarised as:
 - Providing the linkage from national agencies to neighbourhood policing and complements the strategic direction set by the Home Office by virtue of the Strategic Policing Requirement (Home Office, July 2012); and the publication "Local to Global: Reducing the Risk from Organised Crime (Home Office, July 2011)
 - Enhanced capability and interoperability in the deployment of essential specialist policing assets within southern Wales to the threats of serious and organised crime with emphasis on reduction of threat, harm and risk.
 - Effective integration with other UK law enforcement partners including HMRC, SOCA, UKBA

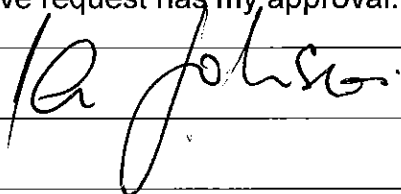
3. The Agreement is made pursuant to section 22A of the Police Act 1996 and in furtherance of my functions under Article 4 of the Police Authorities (Particular Functions and Transitional Provisions) Order 2008 (both as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) to secure co-operation with other police forces and/or policing bodies where that is in the interests of efficiency or effectiveness.
4. On 27th September 2012 the former Gwent Police Authority agreed to enter into the Section 22a agreement and gave delegated powers to the Chief Executive to finalise the documentation. That process has now reached a conclusion.
5. The funding streams referred to in Schedule 4 of the Section 22a have been agreed and a copy of the 2013/14 arrangements are appended to the agreement.

Ian Johnston QPM, Police and Crime Commissioner for Gwent

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signed



Date

22.8.13

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