

# **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LANCASHIRE**



## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS COMBINATION AGREEMENT**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Police and Crime Commissioner may make a combination agreement in relation to two or more local authority areas.

A combination agreement is an agreement for the functions conferred under section 6 or section 7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to be carried out in relation to the combined area as if it was a single local authority area. This will include the requirement to produce a plan and undertake the required public consultation in relation to this, and to call a Domestic Homicide Review when required.

All the responsible authorities in relation to the combined area must agree to the combination agreement before the Police and Crime Commissioner may make the agreement.

### **PROCESS:**

To enable the Commissioner to consider the making of a combination agreement the following process has been established by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC):

1. An initial letter of intent to enter into a combination agreement, signed on behalf of all the relevant responsible authorities, is submitted to the OPCC. For each Local Authority, this should include a signature from the Leader of the Council as well as the Chief Executive or another nominated senior officer.
2. The OPCC will send a Combination Agreement Pro Forma to be completed and signed by all the relevant responsible authorities.
3. The relevant responsible authorities must submit evidence to the Commissioner to demonstrate that a combination agreement will support and enhance the delivery of one or more of the following:
  - Reducing crime and disorder
  - Reducing re-offending
  - Combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substancesPartners may wish to include an evidence base drawn from local crime performance data, re-offending data and details of local engagement plans.

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4. In considering the request to make a Combination Agreement the Commissioner will also take into account a range of additional factors such as:
  - How the combined partnerships will retain local sensitivity, consult with and be accountable to local residents. For example will the combined partnership develop a community engagement strategy?
  - How will scrutiny of the combined partnership be undertaken. For example, will this be through each local authority or will a joint scrutiny committee be established?
5. On consideration of the evidence the Commissioner will notify the relevant responsible authorities whether he is minded to make a Combination Agreement.
6. If the Commissioner is minded to make the combination agreement, then the OPCC will draft an Agreement for signature by all the relevant responsible authorities.

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## CSP Combination Agreement – Guidance for CSPs **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIPS**

### **COMBINATION AGREEMENT PRO FORMA**

Date:	
Proposed name of new combined CSP:	
CSPs applying for the Combination Agreement:	
Under the Act a Combination Agreement should demonstrate that it will be in the interest of: a) Reducing crime and disorder b) Reducing re-offending c) Combating the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances  Please provide a brief summary of the evidence to demonstrate how this will be achieved.	

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We, the undersigned, certify that the application for a combination agreement is supported by all the appropriate responsible authorities in the combined area.

Name:	Signature:
<b>Local Authority (Chief Executives)</b>	
<b>Local Authority (Leaders)</b>	
<b>Police (BCU Commander)</b>	
<b>Fire &amp; Rescue</b>	
<b>Clinical Commissioning Groups</b>	
<b>CLCRC (Probation)</b>	
<b>National Probation Service</b>	

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## SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would appreciate the following information being provided.

(Please note this is not a statutory requirement)

Name of Chair of the Combined Area Community Safety Partnership	
Position/Role of Chair	
Contact Details E-mail: Telephone:	
Administrative Support or admin contact for the Combined Area CSP: (Name & contact details)	

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner would appreciate the following information for the Commissioner to take into account when considering the request to make a Combination Agreement.

(Please note this is not a statutory requirement)

How will the combined partnership continue to consult with local people and reflect the concerns and issues raised at neighbourhood level?	
Local Authorities have a responsibility to scrutinise the delivery of community safety matters in their area. Can you confirm if this will continue to be undertaken by each Local Authority or if a Joint Scrutiny Committee will be formed for this purpose.	