

## West Yorkshire Combined Authority

### Record of Decision made in respect of the Mayor's Police and Crime Commissioner functions

**Title/Subject:**

Notice to withdraw as the lead local policing body for the National Police Air Service (NPAS) (NB but to remain as a policing body under the agreement)

**Serial No:** MPCC010

**Summary:**

As was envisioned at the outset of establishing NPAS under a West Yorkshire lead force model on behalf of policing in England & Wales, it is now the right time to look for a different way of operating the service.

Although NPAS is unique and has been well run and managed over many years during difficult times in delivering a truly borderless service, it has become a much bigger task, often diverting time away from many other important demands locally and regionally, which is now unsustainable.

There is already an emerging consensus among PCCs for a new delivery model to be established and the NPCC has also made it clear that they think the lead force model is sub-optimal.

To propel the development of a new delivery model, the 12 months' notice required under the agreement needs to be given. However, West Yorkshire Police will continue to deliver the services to the same high standards and the Mayor will continue to be the lead local policing body with West Yorkshire Combined Authority owning the assets until the transition to the new delivery model is complete. In the event that a replacement Lead Local Policing Body is appointed, the Mayor will remain a policing body under the agreement and will continue to receive NPAS services.

**Requested Decision:**

In accordance with the provisions of the collaboration agreement, 12 months' notice is served to all parties of the agreement indicating the lead local policing body's intention of withdrawing from the agreement.

Implications	Details / Comments	Officer Sign Off
Financial		 A. Taylor Director of Corporate and Commercial Services

	<p>The NPAS collaboration is governed by an agreement dated 6 August 2012 (and updated on 16 May 2013) made under s.22A of the Police Act 1996. 12 months' notice to withdraw as Lead Local Policing Body (LLPB) from the agreement will be given in accordance with its terms. The continuing obligations of the Mayor as LLPB, arrangements for exit from that lead role and ongoing liability of policing bodies are set out within the terms of the agreement. The Mayor will remain a policing body pursuant to the terms of the agreement and will continue to receive NPAS services from any replacement LLPB.</p> <p>As no exit strategy for the LLPB has been agreed by the Strategic Board and the LLPB's obligations do not cease until a suitable replacement can provide the services, there is uncertainty over the length of time for which the Mayor, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and West Yorkshire Police will continue be responsible for delivering the NPAS Service and continue to hold NPAS liabilities. Although the decision to serve notice to withdraw from the agreement will not have immediate operational impacts for NPAS, any proposed changes to the LLPB or delivery model should be fully assessed for impacts on equality, diversity, and inclusion prior to agreement and implementation.</p>	 <p>Head of Legal and Governance Services</p>
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**Decision: Approved**

**Signature:**



**Title: Mayor of West Yorkshire**  
**Date: 15 June 2021**