



## **SMALL ISLAND FORUM**

### **AGREEMENT**

#### PURPOSE

1. This agreement is signed by the Chief Officers of the Royal Gibraltar Police (RGP), Guernsey Police (GP), the States of Jersey Police (SOJP) and the Isle of Man Constabulary (IOMC). It sets out the means of which the parties to the agreement intend to work together and develop closer alignment for the improvement of policing in the Crown Dependencies and in Gibraltar.
2. The agreement is not intended to be a legally binding contract.
3. Collectively the parties will be known as the Small Islands Forum (SIF). The parties to the agreement will seek inter alia to work together in respect of the following matters:
  - (a) Mutual inter-operability: developing mutually agreed protocols to enable the partners to provide mutual support and assistance;
  - (b) Inter-operability with United Kingdom policing bodies:
    - (i) developing mutually beneficial working arrangements with the National Police Chiefs' Council, the College of Policing, the National Crime Agency and other policing bodies, so as to ensure compatibility of working practices;
    - (ii) developing a representative voice, so that the views and interests of the parties are heard and understood by United Kingdom policing bodies.
  - (c) Best practice: identifying, developing and sharing best practice in the policing of small jurisdictions.
  - (d) Organisational development: working together to review existing organisational and operational service delivery, in order to help improve performance. This will extend to sharing performance and management information for the purpose of benchmarking between small jurisdictions.

## GOVERNANCE

4. The SIF will meet whenever necessary, but in any event no fewer than three times a year. Such meetings will ordinarily be held in London.
5. Attendance at meetings will not be limited to chief officers, but will extend to other officers deemed to be appropriate.
6. Responsibility for leading the SIF will rotate amongst the members, changing each January. The lead force will take responsibility for arranging and chairing meetings, creating a record of discussions and maintaining an action log.
7. The governance arrangements may be supplemented by the creation of an information sharing protocol. Records of meetings will be subject to Freedom of Information legislation applicable in each jurisdiction.

## BUSINESS

8. In order to provide structure to the business of the SIF and in order to help meet the objectives set out in paragraph 3 above, a series of key business areas will be established. The business areas will initially consist of the following:
  - (a) Inter-operability: which will include but not be confined to co-operation between the parties, the development of relationships with the National Police Chiefs' Council, the National Crime Agency and similar bodies;
  - (b) People issues: which will include but not be confined to developing and sharing best practice in regards to all people issues, including developing relationships with the College of Policing.
  - (c) Specialist investigation: which will include but not be confined to financial crime, cybercrime and cyber enabled crime, and terrorism;
  - (d) Organisational development: which will include but not be confined to identifying and sharing best practice in the policing of small jurisdictions and in overseeing the development of work to oversee the review of organisational and operational service delivery;
  - (e) Technology and digital policing: which will include but not be confined to identifying and sharing best practice in relation to technology and digital policing in small jurisdictions.

- 9. Each business area will be led by a chief officer.
- 10. The business conducted at meetings of the SIF will focus on, but not necessarily be confined to, the five business areas.

Signed on behalf of

  
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