Appendix 1 - National Biometrics Function Objectives

Function One Objectives:

The proposed objectives relating to the NBF's first function are:

- Create a law enforcement vision and strategy to inform and influence the future direction of biometrics.
- Design and coordinate a UK law enforcement emerging biometrics programme with initial emphasis on the wider rollout of facial recognition technology.
- Baseline the current biometrics interdependencies across forensics, technology, data, regulatory oversight and ethics.
- Establish the current biometrics governance, decision making and meeting structures.
- Identify interdependent NPCC portfolios or meeting structures.
- Identify relevant Home Office and law enforcement meeting structures.
- Map the current resources employed on biometrics activity.
- Design an appropriate future proofed infrastructure to achieve the NPCC and wider law enforcement's aspirations for biometrics.
- Work with key partners to build a cohesive approach across biometrics and connected or interdependent NPCC portfolios.
- For an interim period support the National Facial Recognition Project

Function Two Objectives:

- Support the NBSB and the joint chairs in their capacity as national leads.
- Act as a secretariat to the NBSB meetings and aligned governance structures.
- Support agreed virtual subgroups and provide oversight to the Chairs of the NBSB.
- Act as a central coordination function for traditional and emerging biometrics, including the development of doctrine, evaluation and practice.
- At the direction of the NBSB, develop UK law enforcement's approach to biometrics in line with policing and HM Government requirements and ethical considerations.
- Liaise with key stakeholders and NPCC leads to enhance cohesion and coordination across portfolios and interdependent programmes and workstreams.
- Link with the College of Policing and wider law enforcement to ensure that appropriate doctrine, guidance and training relevant to biometrics is in place.
- Act as a central link to the relevant regulatory Commissioners or oversight bodies.
- To work across policing and wider law enforcement to align activities, wherever possible and appropriate, relating to biometrics with those elsewhere in HM Government.