

POLICING AND CRIME ACT 2009

EXPLANATORY NOTES

TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND APPLICATION

Part 1 – Police Reform

Police co-operation

Section 6 Authorisations to interfere with property etc

52. **Section 6** amends section 93 of the Police Act 1997 (authorisations to interfere with property etc).
53. **Section 6(2)** and **(4)** inserts new subsections (3)(za) and (3A) into section 93 of the Police Act 1997. They permit an authorising officer within section 93(5)(a)–(c) to grant an authorisation to interfere with property on an application made by a member of the officer’s own police force (“the authorising force”) or by a member of another police force (“a collaborative force”). Such authorisations may be granted to a member of another force if the chief officers of the forces in question are parties to an agreement under section 23(1) of the Police Act 1996 (“police force collaboration agreements”) which provides for them.
54. **Section 6(5)** amends section 93(6) of the Police Act 1997 so that an authorising officer from the authorising force may authorise property interference in the officer’s own force area or that of a collaborative force subject to the terms of the relevant police force collaboration agreement.