

DMPC Decision – PCD 1375**Title: Home Office Grant Funding – Knife Crime Coordinator****Executive Summary:**

This paper seeks approval to accept Home Office grant funding of upto £159,873 for the period from October 2022 to 31 March 2024 in respect of the costs of a detective inspector to support the MPS National Policing Chiefs Council (NPCC) lead on Knife Crime.

Recommendation:

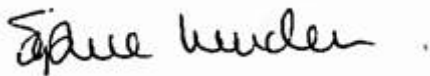
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve the acceptance of £159,873 Home Office Grant as the host force to the NPCC Knife Crime Portfolio to fund a new National Knife Crime Co-ordination post between October 22 to April 24.

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature**Date****07/02/2022**

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The Home Office has offered £159,873 grant funding for the cost of detective inspector to support the MPS national lead for knife crime.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The knife crime coordinator will drive, support and co-ordinate the activity of forces across the country, as well as supporting the Home Office to reduce knife crime and knife enabled homicide.
- 2.2. Within London the funding will enable the MPS across all boroughs to have an enhanced response to knife crime, its victims and the public. The coordinator will also enable the MPS to benefit from national collaboration to tackle and combat knife crime and its impact on serious violence.
- 2.3. The grant funding is for the period from October 2022 until 31 March 2024.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The funding of £159,873 will meet the cost of the detective inspector.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The acceptance and provision of Grant Agreements to support this function are legal under Schedule 3, Paragraph 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 which provides that,
 - 7(1) The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office.
 - (2) That includes— entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not);
- 4.2. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC has delegated authority to approve "Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving".

5. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 5.1. MOPAC will adhere to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and ensure that any organisations who are commissioned to do work with or on behalf of MOPAC are fully compliant with the policy and understand their GDPR responsibilities.
- 5.2. The receipt of HO funding does not involve the use of personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered

6. Equality Comments

- 6.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 6.2. The MPS assure that there are no equality implications arising from acceptance of the grant funding.

7. Background/supporting papers

- Appendix 1 MPS report - Knife Crime Coordinator

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form –NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

Tick to confirm statement (✓)

Financial Advice:

The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.

✓

Legal Advice:

The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.

✓

Equalities Advice:

Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

Commercial Issues

Commercial issues are not applicable.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

Drafting Officer

Alex Anderson has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.

✓

Director/Head of Service:

The interim MOPAC Chief Finance Officer and Director of Corporate Services has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

Chief Executive Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature

Date 30/01/2023

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NPCC Knife Crime Coordinator**MOPAC Investment Advisory & Monitoring meeting 24th January 2023****Report by Detective Inspector James Tipple on behalf of the Chief of Corporate Services****Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC***EXECUTIVE SUMMARY*

This paper requests approval to accept a Home Office Grant for the creation of a National Knife Crime Co-ordination role, hosted by the MPS within the NPCC Knife Crime portfolio. This post will drive and support/co-ordinate the activity of forces across the country, as well as supporting the Home Office to reduce knife crime and knife enabled homicide.

A grant of £159,873 has been made available by the Home Office for a dedicated Detective Inspector post for 18 months commencing October 2022, funded by the Homicide Prevention Fund.

Reducing homicide is a key priority for the Policing Minister and government. Knife crime makes up a large proportion of violent offences nationally and the knife crime portfolio would be hugely enhanced by the effectiveness of having a full time member of staff who could co-ordinate activity across the country to support the policing response to knife crime and knife related homicides.

This funding was achieved through a competitive bid into a national homicide fund set up by the Home Office. The funding for the post runs from 1st October 2022 to 31st March 2024 at which time the necessity for further funding will be reviewed.

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, via the Investment Advisory and Monitoring meeting (IAM), is asked to:

- 1. Approve the acceptance of £159,873 Home Office Grant as the host force to the NPCC Knife Crime Portfolio to fund a new National Knife Crime Co-ordination post between October 22 to April 24.**

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 7th February 2023 as the Home Office require acceptance of the funds this financial year.

Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime**Introduction and background**

- As set out in the Beating Crime Plan (published July 2021) the Government is committed to reducing homicide and serious violence and putting an end to the tragedies afflicting our communities. Whilst the evidence shows overall crime continues to fall, homicide is rising. To the year ending March 2022, there was a 25% increase in police recorded homicide offences

compared to the year ending March 2021.

2. The Home Office Homicide Prevention Fund will be invested in activity that has evidenced impact on homicide reduction or activity that seeks to improve national processes, enhance capabilities, and/or improve analysis and use of data.
3. This new role will assist in coordinating 43 national forces and increasing national activity to reduce knife crime and is focused around delivering an accurate analysis of the current threat posed by knife enabled crime, producing an effective national operational response and developing and disseminating relevant best practice.

Issues for consideration

4. This is a national post working to the NPCC Knife Crime Lead. As the NPCC lead for knife crime remains in the MPS it is proposed that this is the host location for the portfolio coordinator.
5. The grant is considered up to £159,873 covering the deployment of one Inspector for deployment to the NPCC lead.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2022-25¹

6. The knife crime coordinator will enable the MPS across all boroughs (and other forces) to have an enhanced response to knife crime, its victims and the public. The coordinator will also enable the MPS to benefit from national collaboration to tackle and combat knife crime and its impact on serious violence, and nationally support all four priorities within the Police and Crime Plan.
7. Working with partners in the Home Office, MOPAC, Trading Standards, Ministry of Justice and others, this role seeks to bring together all sectors to work together in the reduction of knife enabled violence. Serious violence involving knives is linked to organised crime and urban street gangs, coordination in this area works towards protecting people from exploitation and harm.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

8. The £159k HO Grant will fund an Inspector Post hosted by the MPS but supporting a national objective to reduce knife enabled violence.
9. A legally binding Grant Agreement will be supplied by the HO to formalise arrangements with terms reviewed by Commercial Services prior to completion.
10. The MPS hosts the majority of posts with national responsibility, and the ROCUs host the roles with regional responsibility.
11. This Grant contributes to delivering the London Anchor Institutions' Charter² by helping to restore confidence in the city and helping young people to flourish with access to support.

Legal Comments

12. This paper seeks MOPAC's approval to accept the receipt of Home Office funding in order to help reduce homicide which is a national police priority.
13. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC has delegated authority to approve "Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving".
14. The acceptance and provision of Grant Agreements to support this function are legal under Schedule 3, Paragraph 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 which provides that,

¹ [Police and crime plan: a safer city for all Londoners | London City Hall](https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/londons-recovery-coronavirus-crisis/anchor-institutions-charter)

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7(1) The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office.

(2) That includes— entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not);

15. MOPAC has an obligation to publish a grant agreement pursuant to Schedule 1, Paragraph 3(g) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) (Amendment) Order 2012..

Equality Comments

16. Real consideration has been taken to assess equality impact caused by the proposed business change including effective engagement and analysing relevant equality information. As a result no negative impact has been identified to any individual and/or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic and to those who are not. Further reviews will be conducted (if necessary) and process monitoring completed. If as a result of the continual development of the role Equality Impact is identified, a full Equality Impact Assessment will be initiated.

Privacy Comments

17. The MPS is subject to the requirements and conditions placed on it as a 'State' body to comply with the European Convention of Human Rights and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018. Both legislative requirements place an obligation on the MPS to process personal data fairly and lawfully in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.
18. Under Article 35 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Section 57 of the DPA 2018, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) become mandatory for organisations with technologies and processes that are likely to result in a high risk to the rights of the data subjects.
19. The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the programme meets its compliance requirements.
20. The programme does not use currently personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no current GDPR issues to be considered. If the programme uses personally identifiable data of members of the public at a later date DPIAs will be completed as needed.
21. All FOIA requests relating to a portfolio function will be dealt with through the NPCC FOI team as set out in the Joint Controller Agreement.
22. Any processing of personal data by the postholder will fall under NPCC's data protection controllership and therefore is NPCC's responsibility.
23. The NPCC DPO can provide any support needed around data protection compliance, including assistance with data sharing agreements or data processing contracts should we appoint another body to work with police-derived personal data e.g. for academic research. Equally, that advice can be sought from elsewhere if preferred.
24. The post holder can use home force tech or NPCC's upon application. All are considered secure and suitable for the role but the relevant DPIAs and privacy notices must be updated where changes are made, this is the responsibility of the NPCC lead.
25. The post holder should adopt measures to ensure records or work created by them for this role (for NPCC) is distinguishable from any home force work and adopt good records management processes to ensure information is organised, available and disposed of once no longer required. This must be in line with MOPI, Data Protection Act, Public Inquiries Act and other key legislation on the management of police information.
26. The NPCC's Record of Processing Activities to summarise any processing of personal data. This is likely to be limited to contact details but may also include case studies derived from

force data. Any new considerations for processing data should be submitted to the ROPA or advice sought.

Real Estate Implications

27. There are no changes to Real Estate arrangements as there will be no physical base for this role.

Environmental Implications

28. There will be no impact on the Mayor's London Environment Strategy and this Grant contributes to delivering the London Anchor Institutions' Charter by helping to restore confidence in the city and helping young people to flourish with access to support.

Background/supporting papers

29. Beating Crime Plan (27th July 2021)

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