

DMPC Decision – PCD 1257**Title: Grant Funding for Force Cyber Crime Unit****Executive Summary:**

This paper seeks approval to accept National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and Home Office (HO) funding to support the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) response to cyber crime. The funding for 2022/23 is £1,120,958, and is estimated at up to £1,190,000 for both 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Recommendation:

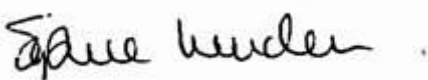
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve the acceptance of a Grant of up to £1,120,958 from the NPCC lead for Cyber to support the MPS Force level response for cyber dependent crime in 2022/23. Comprising of up to £1,113,458 HSG budget for the wage costs for up to 17 officers and £7,500 NCCP budget for travel and accommodation associated with NPCC provided training.
2. Approve the acceptance of Grant funding of up to £1,190,000 for Financial Years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 subject to NPCC offer

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****24/10/2022**

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. This paper seeks the authority to accept Home Office funding from the National Police Chiefs Council to tackle cyber dependent crime for 2022/23 and if offered funding for 2023/24 and 2024/25. Previous funding for this activity has been approved for the period from October 2018 to March 2022.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The 2022/23 grant will be used to fund up to £1,113,458 for the wage costs for up to 17 officers and £7,500 for travel and accommodation associated with NPCC provided training.
- 2.2. The grant is conditional on MPS matching the funding provided for staffing and ringfencing the use of the grant to cyber dependent crime. The MPS has assured that both of these conditions are met.
- 2.3. The MPS state that the acceptance of the grant “directly support the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan in respect of sections 4.1 and 5.4
 - 4.1 MOPAC will work with Action Fraud and the MPS to ensure victims of fraud and cybercrime are offered timely and effective support, prioritising the most vulnerable victims and ensuring adequate multi-agency support arrangements are put in place as soon as possible, and
 - 5.4 MOPAC will integrate the work of the London Digital Security Centre – which provides advice and support to small businesses in London to help protect them from online crime – into a new London Cyber Resilience Centre. This will integrate with national efforts to protect small businesses from online crime, supported with Home Office funding, and led nationally by the NPCC

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The proposal is for the acceptance of grant funding of £1,120,958 for 2022/23, and upto £1,190,000 in each of 2023/24 and 2024/25 if offered.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The legal powers applicable to the acceptance of this Grant will be 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—

- (a)entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not);
- 4.2. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has delegated authority to approve all bids for grant funding.
- 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 MPS assure that screening questions have been completed and a DPIA is not required because this is not a project or application to change or introduce a new process or function but to deliver business as usual in an investigative capacity.
- 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 as this is an extension of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity and there are no equality implications as a result of accepting this funding.
- 7. Background/supporting papers**
 - Appendix 1 MPS Report - NPCC Funding for Force Cyber Crime Unit MPS Decision Number 315

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 to this paper.

✓

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 30/08/2022

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NPCC Funding for Force Cyber Crime Unit MPS Decision Number 315**MOPAC Investment Advisory & Monitoring meeting 18th August 2022****Report by Ceri Griffiths 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 report seeks permission to accept extended funding from the Home Office Home Land Security budget (HSG) and National Cyber Crime Programme (NCCP) grant awarded to National Police Chiefs Council lead for Cyber of up to £1,120,958 for financial year 2022/23 and pre-emptive approval for financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25 up to £1,190,000 to allow for any increase in offer. The grant is to build the force level response for cyber dependant crime nationally.

The funding is for officer and staff costs that must be match funded by the organisation, with those paid for by the HSG fund ring-fenced to the role, with training associated costs funded by NCCP. The funding in the MPS's case does not require an uplift in establishment as the organisation already funds a large pursue response.

Recommendations

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

3. **Approve** the acceptance of a Grant of up to £1,120,958 from the NPCC lead for Cyber to support the MPS Force level response for cyber dependent crime in 2022/23. Comprising of up to £1,113,458 HSG budget for the wage costs for up to 17 officers and £7,500 NCCP budget for travel and accommodation associated with NPCC provided training.
4. **Approve** the acceptance of Grant funding of up to £1,190,000 for Financial Years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 subject to NPCC offer.

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 28/08/2022. This is because the current funding ceased 31/03/2022.

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

1. This is a continuation of MOPAC approved NPCC funding provided annually since FY 2018/19.
2. Due to the size of investment by the MPS for its force level cybercrime unit, the requirement to uplift and match fund for other forces is not required.
3. The funding will be provided and overseen by the NPCC lead (City of London Police) and reporting will be required quarterly with invoicing approved based on reports. The reports will require information on the number of officers in post and the amount to be claimed in the period.
4. The funding on offer is not linked to the current National Cyber Crime Programme and Homeland Security Grant funding stream for the London Regional response, but is to assist forces nationally to create bespoke cyber dependant crime units. The fund can only be used for officers paid for by the MPS.
5. The funding provided is for the business as usual response for cybercrime, There are no implications as a result of this funding offer on professionalism in the MPS.

Issues for consideration

6. Caveat of the funding is that the officers who are paid for are ring fenced to cyber dependant crime and nominally match funded, with no more than 50% of the met funded posts claimed for. The Cyber Crime Unit MPS funded posts within the ranks claimed for in this funding offer is 37 and therefore the nominal match funding can be achieved with less than half of this number being claimed for.

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7. “4.1 MOPAC will work with Action Fraud and the MPS to ensure victims of fraud and cybercrime are offered timely and effective support, prioritising the most vulnerable victims and ensuring adequate multi-agency support arrangements are put in place as soon as possible.”
8. “5.4 MOPAC will integrate the work of the London Digital Security Centre – which provides advice and support to small businesses in London to help protect them from online crime – into a new London Cyber Resilience Centre. This will integrate with national efforts to protect small businesses from online crime, supported with Home Office funding, and led nationally by the NPCC.”

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

9. This paper seeks MOPAC approval to accept funds offered by NPCC Lead for Cyber Commissioner McLaren City of London Police to support the MPS Force level response for cyber dependant crime in 2022/23 totalling £1,120,958 (£1,113,458 Officer and Staff costs + £7,500 training)
10. The re-claim processes for the recovery of the Grant will be unchanged from previous years.
11. This paper is for wage costs and training associated costs only.
12. The funding offered is FY 2022/23, further funding beyond this is not guaranteed, however, we request permission to accept this funding for 2023/24 and 2024/05 up to £1,190,000

¹ [Police and crime plan: a safer city for all Londoners | London City Hall](#)

should it be offered.

13. As an extension to an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to responsible procurement.
14. The Cyber Crime Unit contributed to delivering the London Anchor Institutions' Charter² by Cyber Protect teams working with many organisations and forums to extend our reach, most notably the Community Watch project upskilling neighbourhood watch coordinators to share protect advice with their members and communities further supporting the Met Direction Strategy – 'Mobilise partners and the public'.

Legal Comments

15. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated power to approve all offers made of grant funding.
16. The legal powers applicable to the acceptance of this Grant will be under Schedule 3, Paragraph 7 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 which provides that,
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(a) entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not);
17. There are no legal reasons as to why this offer of additional grant funding cannot be accepted.

Equality Comments

18. As this is an extension of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity'. There are no equality implications as a result of accepting this funding.

Privacy Comments

19. 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.

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.

The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the programme/project meets its compliance requirements.

The screening questions have been completed and a DPIA is not required because this is not a project or application to change or introduce a new process or function but to deliver business as usual in an investigative capacity.

Real Estate Implications

20. There is no change in the estate requirements as a result of this paper.

² <https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus/londons-recovery-coronavirus-crisis/anchor-institutions-charter>

Environmental Implications

21. There is no impact in relation to delivering the Mayor's London Environment Strategy³;

Background/supporting papers

22. There are no supporting papers to this request, this is a continuation of an existing funding stream.

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Part 2 – This section refers to the details of the Part 2 business case which is NOT SUITABLE for MOPAC Publication.

There is no part 2 business case for this item.

³ <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/draft-london-environment-strategy>