

**DMPC Decision – PCD 1285**

**Title: Special Police Services with Westfield Stratford**

**Executive Summary:**

This paper seeks approval to enter into a Special Police Services (SPS) agreement for the provision of dedicated police support at Westfield Stratford. This will continue the existing arrangement. The year 1 cost is £565,317 and the term of the agreement is for three years therefore the three-year value of the agreement would be £1,695,951.

**Recommendation:**

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve the Special Police Services (SPS) Agreement between MOPAC and Westfield Stratford for a dedicated police support team at Westfield Stratford.

**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**

**03/11/2022**



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

### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1. The MPS has been providing this special police service (SPS) since 2011 and the current agreement expires in September 2022.

### **2. Issues for consideration**

- 2.1. The role of the funded police officers is to provide SPS at Westfield Stratford with a focus on visible patrols to combat crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve the level of confidence among visitors and workers at the shopping centre.
- 2.2. The SPS agreement with Westfield Stratford directly supports the Police and Crime Plan in that the funded officers, through their work with partners in Westfield Stratford, are focused on tackling policing matters that are important issues to the local community such as violent crime and curtailing gang activity from specific individuals drawn to the shopping centre. In addition, the officers will combat volume crimes such as acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour and deter / disrupt terrorism.

### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. The charge for SPS to Westfield Stratford is reflective of the full cost recovery of one sergeant at £94,251 and six constables at £78,511 per constable per annum. At an annual value of £565,317 the estimated three-year value of the agreement would be £1,695,951
- 3.2. There is a provision in the contract which acknowledges that the charges may be increased annually in line with any updated rates.

### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. MPS Legal services assure that the MPS may provide policing resources to Westfield Stratford under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. Under that Act the Commissioner may, at the request of any person, provide SPS in accordance with legislation and current case law, subject to payment to MOPAC on charges on such scale and on such terms as it may determine.
- 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 requests to bid tender or quote for the provision of services to other organisations (including other GLA functional bodies and local authorities) for £500,000 and above. This does not apply to the provision of mutual aid by the Commissioner to another force under s24 Police Act 1996 nor the provision of advice or assistance to international organisations under the Police Act 1996, which are subject to consultation with the DMPC.

### **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 the proposal does not use 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 the proposed agreement has been approved by the MPS Equality Impact Assessment team, and that as this is a renewal of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity.

## **7. Background/supporting papers**

- Appendix 1 MPS Report - SPECIAL POLICE SERVICES WITH WESTFIELD STRATFORD

**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 covered in the body of the report.

✓

**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 26/10/2022**

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**SPECIAL POLICE SERVICES WITH WESTFIELD STRATFORD****MOPAC Investment Advisory & Monitoring meeting****Report by Mark Roberts 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*

The paper seeks approval for the provision of special policing services to Westfield Stratford, which provides retail and leisure businesses.

The objectives of the police team include:

- Reduce the level of crime;
- Reduce the level of disorder and anti-social behaviour
- Reduce the level of alcohol-related incidents;
- Improve the confidence level among the public.

The annual cost of the dedicated police team of one sergeant and six constables totals £565,317 in the first year and the SPS agreement is for a period of three years commencing 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022. The total value of the contract will be in the region of £1.6 million (based on the 2022/2023 SPS rates), and will be paid for by Westfield Stratford. As the contract value is over £500,000, it requires approval from MOPAC.

**Recommendations**

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

1. **Approve the Special Police Services (SPS) Agreement between MOPAC and Westfield Stratford for a dedicated police support team at Westfield Stratford.**

**Time sensitivity**

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 11/10/2022. This is because the existing agreement will expire on this date and a new agreement will need to be put in place to continue the services.

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

1. The MPS have been providing SPS to Westfield Stratford since 2011 and work in conjunction with the shopping centre security team to provide a police presence, to prevent and detect crime, and to carry out reassurance patrols.

2. The surrounding areas include East Village which is home to around 6,000 residents and 25 shops, Stratford International Station, and the London 185 stadium which is home to West Ham United Football Club and therefore attracts a high number of visitors in and around the shopping centre. In 2019 (prior to Covid), the shopping centre welcomed over 54 million visitors and the MPS view the shopping centre as a hotspot for criminal activity.
3. The role of the funded police officers is to provide SPS at Westfield Stratford with a focus on visible patrols to combat crime and anti-social behaviour and to improve the level of confidence among visitors and workers at the shopping centre.

### **Issues for consideration**

4. The SPS agreement with Westfield Stratford directly supports the Police and Crime Plan in that the funded officers, through their work with partners in Westfield Stratford, are focused on tackling policing matters that are important issues to the local community such as violent crime and curtailing gang activity from specific individuals drawn to the shopping centre. In addition, the officers will combat volume crimes such as acquisitive crime, anti-social behaviour and deter / disrupt terrorism.
5. Without a policing team at Westfield Stratford, the NE BCU would have to deploy additional police officers from core policing to the shopping centre and surrounding areas. This in turn would reduce the number of officers available to the BCU to support other areas of the borough.

### **Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2022-251**

6. Westfield Stratford has over 250 shops and over 65 restaurants, a cinema, leisure attractions and also a casino. This attracts millions of visitors and will therefore increase the risk of criminal activity. SPS will ensure there is police presence which will reduce and prevent violence, such as knife crime, as well as increasing trust and confidence, these are key areas in the Police & Crime Plan 2022-2025.

### **Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments**

7. The charge for SPS to Westfield Stratford is reflective of the full cost recovery of one sergeant at £94,251 and six constables at £78,511 per constable. The charges for year one are £565,317 based on the SPS rates for 2022/2023, therefore the overall contract value is in excess of £1.6 million, and there is a provision in the contract which acknowledges that the charges may be increased annually in line with any updated rates.
8. The benefit to the MPS of the provision of the funded officers at the shopping centre is (in liaison with the core police officers who go to make up the full police team), the ability to work with Westfield Stratford's own security team to make the location a far more difficult area for criminals to operate. The presence of the funded officers within the police team will reduce the level of emergency calls that the BCU would have to respond to and thereby ensure resources are not diverted from the policing of the remainder of the borough.
9. Through the work of SPS, Westfield Stratford is able to provide a better environment for shopping and leisure, this will ensure that workers and visitors at the shopping centre are

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

confident in their safety and the reduction of crime. This in turn, will welcome more visitors to the shopping centre, which will help boost the economy.

## **Legal Comments**

10. The MPS may provide policing resources to Westfield Stratford under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. Under that Act the Commissioner may, at the request of any person, provide SPS in accordance with legislation and current case law, subject to payment to MOPAC on charges on such scale and on such terms as it may determine. MOPAC approval is required for agreements where the provision of policing services to external bodies where the contract value is £500,000 as set out in the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation.

## **Equality Comments**

11. As this is a renewal of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity'. This agreement received the required approvals from the Equality Impact Assessment team.

## **Privacy Comments**

12. 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.
13. 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.
14. The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the project meets its compliance requirements.
15. The project does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

## **Real Estate Implications**

16. There are no changes from the existing agreement. Accommodation for the SPS officers will be provided by the third party.
17. The occupation licence for the accommodation will be renewed when the new SPS agreement is in place.

## **Environmental Implications**

18. The MPS Environment Policy will be considered and Westfield Stratford have requested to hire an electric hire vehicle to support the policing activities. In particular, an electric vehicle for SPS use. All costs will be passed on to Westfield Stratford. There are water refill stations at the shopping centre which will encourage and allow police officers to refill

reusable bottles whilst on the go, this will reduce the need for single use plastic bottled water to be issued.

### **Background/supporting papers**

#### 19. PIB Decision Paper

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