



MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Criminal Exhibit Stores – security enhancements

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Recommendation

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

- Approve that up to £1.5M of forward works budget from the approved capital plan is spent to enhance the security of Criminal Exhibit Stores.

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 16/11/2023, the standard advised earliest available date post-IAM

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

Introduction and background

1. Recommendation 2 of the HMICFRS Inspection Report relating to the Daniel Morgan Independent Panel states that: "... the MPS should: make adequate provision for the effective storage of property and exhibits, including the provision of sufficient capacity and robust security (including for firearms and other high-risk items)".
2. The MPS has Criminal Exhibit, overflow and transit stores at 31 locations across the MOPAC estate. These are managed by MO11. The MPS has a further 11 'transit' stores in buildings not served by main exhibit stores, within which exhibits are stored temporarily where they are collected outside MO11's working hours. Additionally, Specialist Crime operate exhibit stores in eight locations. As part of the ongoing programme to meet the requirement outlined in the HMICFRS Inspection Report and, to improve exhibit handling developed under the Exhibits Transformation Mandate, works are ongoing to ensure a consistent and comprehensive security overlay is provided, including access control, CCTV and alarms.

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Issues for consideration

4. The required works are a key element of the ongoing improvements to exhibits management that are required to meet the recommendations from the HMICFRS; the Exhibits Transformation Mandate and to allow the MPS to exit the HMICFRS 'Engage' stage. By improving and securing the exhibits handling process and the chain of custody, these works also directly support the Crime Fighting initiative that is a key part of the response to the Casey Report. These works are proceeding in parallel with a programme of upgrades and improvements to fridge and freezers and to the exhibits management process and HMICFRS are fully sighted on the progress of these changes.
5. The highest priority improvements required (to 15 sites) will be completed by 31 October 2023 (as agreed with HMICFRS) under existing delegated authority limits. However, a number of additional improvements are required (in particular to Transit Stores) to fully meet the improvement recommendations identified. These works are programmed for delivery in the period November 2023 – February 2024, all as agreed with HMICFRS.
6. None of these projects will exceed £50k individually, however, the total value of the programme across all 50 sites may cost up to £1.5M. Works to finalise these costs are ongoing. In order to allow the works to proceed quickly, approval to expend to the identified cap is requested. The individual changes have a minimal impact on the operation of the ESS solution and there are no additional revenue demands arising from these works.
7. Funding for these works has been made available from the approved funding for electronic security system (ESS) replacements within the approved forward works budget. No additional or unbudgeted monies are requested. This paper is simply asking for approval to expend the previously allocated funds in line with the MOPAC Scheme of Delegations. The wider, strategic replacement of ESS is being developed as a separate paper and will interface with the works delivered under this programme. All installations under this programme will comply with the latest Home Office guidance on countries of origin.
8. If this paper is not approved, the required security improvements to the exhibits and transit stores (other than those to the 15 priority sites already underway) and to those operated by Specialist Crime will not be delivered, meaning that the improvements required both by HMICFRS and by the New Met for London strategy will not be fully met.
9. CCTV system installations will be specified with due regard to UK Government concerns in respect of foreign origin equipment.
10. The works will be delivered via existing approved frameworks and no procurement decision is required.
11. All end of life equipment removed as part of the works will be managed in accordance with environmental legislation and the MPS Environment Policy.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2022-25¹

12. The Mayor wants London to be a safer city and for Londoners to feel safer. To deliver this vision the Police and Crime Plan sets out key areas for action which include: Reducing and preventing violence; Increasing trust and confidence; Better supporting victims.

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

13. Delivering a programme of physical and electronic security improvements to criminal exhibit storage facilities across the MPS estate and satisfying the security requirement outlined in Recommendation 2 of the HMICFRS Inspection Report relating to the Daniel Morgan Independent Panel, will help to ensure all Londoners are kept safe

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

14. There are no financial implications of this decision. The works will be funded from the approved funding for electronic security system (ESS) replacements within the approved forward works budget. No additional or unbudgeted monies are requested. The individual changes have a minimal impact on the operation of the ESS solution and there are no additional revenue demands arising from these works.
15. This paper seeks approval for the procurement of electronic security systems to the exhibit and transit stores. The procurements are via MOPAC approved complaint frameworks.
16. CCTV system installations will be specified with due regard to UK Government concerns in respect of foreign origin equipment.
17. The MPS assure that as part of their appointment onto the frameworks, the delivery partners have committed to take specific actions to address the objectives of the London Anchor Institutions Charter (LAIC). The contracts will encourage the use of London supply chain specific initiatives including: apprenticeship levies; adherence to modern slavery and London Living Wage obligations; social value impact opportunities.
18. This decision directly supports the Criminal Crime Fighting priority within the NMfL Plan, by significantly improving the controls in place over access to criminal exhibits. It also supports the drive to increase Trust.

Legal Comments

19. The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime ("MOPAC") is a contracting authority as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 ("the Regulations"). All awards of, and modifications to, public contracts for goods and/or services valued at £213,477 or above shall be procured in accordance with the Regulations. All awards of, and modifications to, public contracts for works valued at £5,336,937 or above shall be procured in accordance with the Regulations.
20. The use of a compliantly procured Framework Agreement will constitute a compliant process where the Framework Agreement's ordering processes are followed. On the basis that this is done then MPS Legal assure that the requested services and works will be procured compliantly.
21. 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 business cases for revenue or capital expenditure of £500,000 or above.
22. Paragraphs 7.23 and 7.24 of the Scheme provide respectively that the Director of Strategic Procurement has consent for the approval of the award and variation of all contracts, with the exception of those called in through the agreed call in procedure. Paragraph 4.14 of the Scheme provides the DMPC reserves the right to call in any MPS proposal to award a contract for £500,000 or above and all variations and extensions to contracts with an original value of £500,000 or above.

Equality Comments

23. The proposed works have undergone an initial equality screening. Due regard has been taken to the Equality Act's Public Sector Equality Duty. Real consideration has been taken to assess equality impact caused by the proposed business changes. As a result, no

positive or negative impact has been identified to any individual and/or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic and those who are not. As the intention of this document is to seek funding for an existing function, there is no real organisational change. Further reviews will be conducted and if as a result any new Equality Impact is identified, a full Equality Impact Assessment will be initiated.

Privacy Comments

24. 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.
25. 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.
26. There are no privacy issues identified through the Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) completed for this work. The project does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.
27. The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the project meets its compliance requirements.
28. Under the requirements of the Surveillance Commissioners Code for CCTV, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) will be required for any adaptations/amendments undertaken on the MPS estate CCTV system. These assessments are well understood and are part of the contractual delivery of any CCTV works.

Real Estate Implications

29. There are no real estate implications.

Background/supporting papers

30. None

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