

DMPC Decision – PCD 1549**Title: Firearms Culture Programme Procurement****Executive Summary:**

This paper seeks approval for the investment in and procurement of consultancy support for the Firearms Culture Programme. The services sought relate to project initiation, scoping and option development. The procurement will be via a call off from the existing Bloom consultancy contract. The cost of upto £800,000 will be funded from New Met for London funding.

Recommendation:

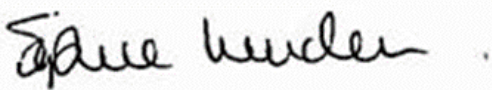
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve the proposal to complete a mini-competition using established consultancies with proven capability to undertake core project initiation and option development to maximise our future firearms capability.
2. Authorise the Director of Commercial to award contract to the successful bidder under delegated authority with the assurance, approved funding is available from the New Met for London fund to cover the costs of the contract.

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**

30/11/2023

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The MPS has established a programme to address the cultural, structural and organisational issues across the MPS firearms commands as identified by the Baroness Casey Review, Operation Leven Report and the Lord Harris Review.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The programme's ambition is to reflect the Met's highest standards and values and have a visibly different demographic and working environment that is seen as an attractive and inclusive place to work. The MPS has identified the need for external consultancy support for the programme in project initiation, scoping and development of options.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The estimated cost of the procurement of the consultancy is up to £800,000. This will be met from New Met for London (NMfL) funding.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. 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 public contracts for goods and/or services valued at £213,477 or above shall be procured in accordance with the Regulations. This report confirms the value of the proposed contract exceeds this threshold.
- 4.2. This report confirms the MOPAC's route to market shall be via a mini-competition under an existing contract which is compliant with the Regulations.
- 4.3. The MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime ("DMPC") has delegated authority to approve:
 - Business cases for revenue or capital expenditure of £500,000 and above (paragraph 4.8); and
 - All requests to go out to tender for contracts of £500,000 or above, or where there is a particular public interest (paragraph 4.13).
- 4.4. Paragraph 7.23 of the Scheme provides that the Director of Commercial Services has consent for the approval of the award 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.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. The services to be procured are project management activity in relation to project initiation, project scope and development of options. The procurement is to be via a mini-competition process under the existing Bloom contract.
- 5.2. The MPS assure that the evaluation of the bidders will consider their ability to act as a responsible employer and meet employment obligations deemed commensurate with wider GLA objectives and support the Mayor's Responsible Procurement Policy. Further, the London's Anchor Institutions' Charter will be supported by this paper in so far as suppliers will have a London presence.

6. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. The MPS assure that the proposal will not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no current GDPR issues to be considered.

7. Equality Comments

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. The MPS assure that any approved suppliers will be evaluated for acceptable equality and diversity statements, as well as their ability to meet the MPS requirements under the Equality Act 2010 as suppliers to MOPAC

8. Background/supporting papers

- Appendix 1 MPS Report - Business Justification – Firearms Culture Programme

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 – YES

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

Samuel Ched.

Date 30/11/2023