



MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Novation and Subcontracting approval changes of MPS-SSCL contracts

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This paper seeks Board and MOPAC approval to proceed with enacting some required contractual changes on our current (2015-2025) and next (2025-2027) contracts with SSCL.

The Board and MOPAC have already approved the award of both contracts. However, the changes require exceptional approval for:

- a) Appointing a key subcontractor on our current (2015-2025) contract PCD908 refers.
- b) A novation of services on our forthcoming (2025-2027) contract PCD1639 refers.

There is no additional financial commitment or change in service scope.

According to our scheme of delegation, MOPAC clearance is needed for any novation over £500,000 and for any subcontracting which may be novel, contentious or in the public interest.

Recommendations

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

1. Provide approval for the MPS to agree that SSCL appoint SSL (Sopra Steria Limited) as a new key subcontractor within our *existing* MPS-SSCL call off order form contract (hereafter called the “COOF”). This contract began in 2015 and expires in September 2025 refers PCD908 refers.
2. Provide approval for the MPS to novate our *new* Business Support Services Administration contract (hereafter called the “BSSA”) from SSCL to Sopra Steria Limited (SSL). This contract, which EXCO and MOPAC have already approved, commences on 1 October 2025 for a two-year period reference PCD1639 refers.

3. Approve that the signature of the contract changes at a) and b) may be delegated to the Director of Commercial Services.

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by the 28th March 2025.

Although the changes are routine in nature, we have advised SSL that decisions around changes to contracts of this sort require MOPAC approval, in line with our scheme delegation.

Following MOPAC's approval decisions, MPS will communicate the outcome to SSL, to allow them to complete their structural changes. The indicative anticipated timetable for this activity is week commencing 7th April 2025.

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

Introduction and background

1. In October 2024, the MPS Business Support and Shared Services supplier (SSCL) wrote to a selection of their central government and local authority customers, including MPS, to outline some proposed changes to the structure and hierarchy of their companies, along with implications for their service provision and contracts.
2. As a result of these changes, MPS require MOPAC permission to:
 - a) Consent to a new key subcontractor on our current contract with SSCL, which expires on 30 September 2025. The subcontractor is SSL.
 - b) Novate our next short-term contract, which runs for the period 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2027. This contract will be novated to SSL.

Issues for consideration

3. The required changes are administrative in nature. The MPS has checked that these amendments will not affect service provision, contract pricing and risk.
4. MOPAC have already approved both the current (2015-2025) contract and the short-term contract which runs from 2025-2027. Therefore, this approval does not require any additional resources.

Contributes to the New Met for London (NMfL) Plan and / or MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2022-25

5. Not applicable

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

6. There are no financial, commercial or procurement implications of these changes, which are essentially administrative in nature.

Legal Comments

7. The contracts in question were awarded under the Public Contract Regulations (as amended) 2015 – “PCR”. PCR regulation 72 permits MOPAC to modify a contract in limited circumstances. Specifically, regulation 72(1)(b) provides MOPAC may modify a contract where:

-It is not possible to change contractor due to technical or economic reasons;
and

- To change contractor would cause MOPAC to suffer significant inconvenience or substantial costs duplication.

8. Since the changes are only administrative, these amendments are permitted under the regulations.

Equality Comments

9. No equality implications.

Privacy Comments

10. No privacy implications.

Real Estate Implications

11. No estate implications.

Environmental Implications

12. No environmental implications.

Background/supporting papers.

13. No background/supporting papers required.

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

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