

DMPC Decision – PCD 1762

Title: GLA Group Public Health Unit - Shared Services Participation and Amendment

Executive Summary:

The establishment of a shared-service arrangement between the Greater London Authority (GLA) and four of the five functional bodies: the London Fire Commissioner (LFC), the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) and Transport for London (TfL) to provide independent health advice and support services through a shared GLA Group Public Health Function, hosted by the GLA, was approved by the Mayor in March 2022 (MD2940).

This decision seeks DMPC approval for MOPAC and VRU to agree to both the GLA Group Public Health Unit Shared Services Agreement and also an amendment to the original Shared Services Agreement. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the principle that annual increases are included within the SSA budget arrangements and is included at Appendix 1.

Recommendation:

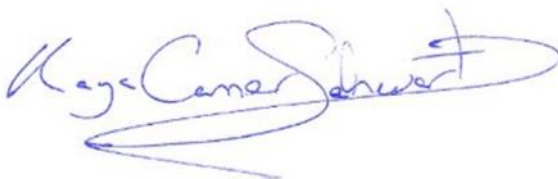
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve MOPAC and VRU's participation in the GLA Group Public Health Unit Shared Services arrangement
2. Approve the amendment to the Shared Services Agreement

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 04/06/2025

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

1. Introduction and background

Background

- 1.1. The GLA Act 1999 (as amended) sets out the Mayor's role in developing a health inequalities strategy for London, supported by a designated Statutory Health Adviser and a Deputy Statutory Health Adviser (Statutory Health Advisers). These positions were established under sections 309A and 309C of the GLA Act to provide the Mayor, the London Assembly and its committees, London Assembly members, and the five GLA functional bodies with independent advice in relation to: anything appearing to them to be a major health issue; and the performance of the respective functions of those persons and those bodies, so far as they relate to health and the implementation of the Mayor's statutory health inequalities strategy. The Statutory Health Advisers are required by the GLA Act 1999 to be (respectively) the current Regional Director of Public Health for London and the Deputy Regional Director of Public Health for London, or any successor posts with equivalent duties as designated by the Secretary of State, being in the employ of either the Civil Service or the NHS. They are therefore independent from the GLA in employment terms and cannot be GLA employees.
- 1.2. All the GLA Group organisations contain teams that contribute to the health and wellbeing of Londoners – either directly, or through shaping the social, economic and environmental conditions in which they live.
- 1.3. In late 2020 a Public Health Collaboration Project was established under the oversight of the GLA Group Collaboration Board, to scope and make recommendations on the effective deployment of specialist public health expertise within the GLA Group.
- 1.4. On 10 December 2021 the GLA Group Collaboration Board endorsed proposals for a new GLA Group Public Health Function as a shared service hosted by the GLA on behalf of the GLA Group.
- 1.5. The GLA Group Public Health Function sits within the GLA's Communities and Skills Directorate. The Function is led by a GLA Group Director of Public Health and is managerially accountable to the Executive Director for Communities and Skills in the GLA, and professionally accountable to the Regional Director of Public Health for London, i.e., to the Statutory Health Adviser. The GLA Group Public Health Function is separate from but complementary to the Health and Wellbeing team within the same directorate.
- 1.6. The GLA Group Public Health Function is overseen by a GLA Group Public Health Forum with representation from across the GLA Group; the MOPAC representatives are the Director of Commissioning and Partnerships and the Director of Strategy and the representatives from VRU are the Director of VRU and the VRU Director of Strategy and Operations. The Chair of the Assembly Health Committee is an observer to this Forum. The Forum's role is to oversee the priority-setting of the Function; and to advise on the work programme, and associated budget and workforce requirements. It is advisory, which means that its recommendations or actions are subject to GLA Group members' own internal governance and approval mechanisms.

Decision-making

- 1.7. Shared-services arrangements under section 401A of the GLA Act 1999 must be approved by the Mayor following consultation with the London Assembly. The Mayor approved the creation of this shared service in March 2022 (MD2940).
- 1.8. Any changes to shared-services arrangements between the GLA and the OPDC, MOPAC, TfL and the LFC will also be approved via the functional bodies' own decision-making procedures.

SSA Amendment

- 1.9. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify the principle that annual increases are included within the SSA budget arrangements and the amendment is included at Appendix 1.

2. Objective and expected outcomes

- 2.1. London has the potential to become the world's healthiest global city, where all Londoners have the best opportunities to live a long life in good health and no one's health suffers because of who they are or where they live. The GLA Group Public Health Function will support the GLA Group to play its part in this ambition in full, through public health leadership, functions and networks.
- 2.2. The Function will ensure that the GLA Group effectively protects and improves the health and wellbeing of Londoners by keeping people safe, preventing poor health and levelling up the health gap.
- 2.3. The shared GLA Group Public Health Function will deliver a more efficient, effective and resilient public health function, which serves the GLA Group as a whole, delivering better value for money, consistency of approach and best practice through enhanced joint working.

3. Equality Comments

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report.

4. Financial comments

- 4.1. The contributions were agreed in principle at the GLA Group Collaboration Board on 10 December 2021. MD2940 noted that MOPAC have formally ratified their contribution. The Agreement between GLA and MOPAC dated 07/07/2022 set out the agreed budget for MOPAC and VRU as £74,400 for years 1 and 2, £26,725 of which was attributed to VRU.
- 4.2. The SSA amendment will see costs increase from £74,400 to £140,700 by 2027/28 to reflect the costs of the Target Operating Model. The required budget growth has been included in the 2025/26 draft budget. The proposed budgets are as follows:

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
MOPAC	47,700	79,600	85,200	90,000
VRU	26,700	44,800	47,900	50,700
Total	74,400	124,400	133,100	140,700

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.

6. Background/supporting papers

Appendix 1 - MEMORANDUM OF VARIATION

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:

Legal advice is not required

✓

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

Annabel Cowell 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 02/06/2025

Appendix 1

MEMORANDUM OF VARIATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATION DATED 7 JULY 2022

BETWEEN MAYOR'S OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME AND THE GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Further to the GLA's written request to change the Arrangements for Delegation dated 17 May 2024, the Senior Representatives agree that the Arrangements for Delegation is varied in accordance with clause 6.2 as follows:

1. The definition of "Specified Functions Budget" in the table at Clause 1.1 is revised as follows:

"Specified Functions Budget"	for the first and second Financial Years means the sums set out at clause 4.2 and for subsequent Financial Years means the sums calculated in accordance with clause 4.3.
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2. A new definition of "Target Operating Budget" is inserted into the table at Clause 1.1 as follows:

"Target Operating Budget"	the budget agreed by the Group Collaboration Board on 23 April 2024 and any replacement budgets as agreed by the Group Collaboration Board from time to time.
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3. Clause 4.3 is amended to read as follows:

The Specified Functions Budget for subsequent years will be the total of the Delegating Authority's agreed contribution to the Target Operating Model budget, plus relevant inflation and spine point progression. The Recipient Authority shall aim to notify the Delegating Authority of the following Financial Year's Specified Functions Budget at least six months before the end of the current Financial Year.

Signed by

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Authorised Signatory
Mayor's Office for
Policing and Crime

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