

DMPC Decision – PCD 1977

Title: Home Office Grant Award 2025/26: Resourcing Uplift for the National Police Chiefs' Council Regional Organised Crime Unit in Support of the Suspicious Activity Reports Reform Programme

Executive Summary:

This paper seeks approval to accept £1.18m in Home Office grant funding for 2025/26 to support the delivery of the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) Suspicious Activity Reports (SARs) Reform Programme and the Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU) resourcing uplift programme.

Recommendation:

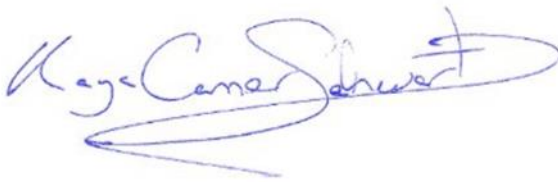
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) is recommended to:

1. Approve MOPAC entering into a grant agreement with the Home Office, on behalf of the NPCC, to receive up to £1.18m of funding in 2025/26 to ensure delivery of the deliverables set out in the Grant Award.

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 02/02/2026

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. In 2023, hosting of the Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio transferred from its original host force, Leicestershire Police, to the NPCC Strategic Hub to ensure alignment with NPCC working practices and access to NPCC business services.
- 1.2. MOPAC hosts the NPCC. Addressing Serious and Organised Crime is one of the NPCC's portfolios.
- 1.3. The NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio Office is a multi-disciplinary team operating across the following business areas: Senior Leadership, Governance, Project Management, Centralised Intelligence Capabilities, and ROCU Network Delivery.
- 1.4. The NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio is responsible for delivering the objectives and priorities set by the NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio Lead, through projects and business areas funded by the Home Office Economic Crime Levy. It also oversees the day-to-day coordination of the national ROCU network, including performance management, and leads liaison and policy development work with a wide range of national partners, such as the Home Office and the National Crime Agency.
- 1.5. The grant award will enable the NPCC to maintain the ROCU Resource Uplift Project, which addresses identified gaps in financial intelligence analysis and awareness within police intelligence departments. The funding supports a nationally led, regionally based ROCU SARs Intelligence Development Team (ROCU SID) that aligns with, and integrates into, the operations of the UK Financial Intelligence Unit (UKFIU).

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The work of the NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio has direct impact on supporting the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) in its fight against organised crime and the MPS benefits from the products and support delivered by the various programmes of work.
- 2.2. The grant scheme will deliver benefits including proactive SARs analysis, enhanced SARs intelligence, increased numbers of convictions and arrests, and improved identification of asset recovery opportunities.
- 2.3. The policing costs associated with the NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio will be fully covered by the Home Office grant, with no permanent revenue impact on policing. The grant is sufficient to meet the agreed deliverables.
- 2.4. Should any additional costs arise beyond the grant, the NPCC confirms these will be met within the existing Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio budget or reserves.

3. Financial Comments

3.1. The total grant award for 2025/26 is £1.18m to support ROCU capabilities. The NPCC has confirmed that any additional costs will be met by either the Home Office or the NPCC. As a result, there is no financial exposure for MOPAC.

4. Legal Comments

4.1. The grant will be paid to MOPAC, as the host organisation for the NPCC, under the powers granted to the Secretary of State for the Home Department by Section 48 of the Police Act 1996 and Section 169 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994.

4.2. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation, the DMPC has delegated authority to approve bids for grant funding, all offers of grant funding, and, where appropriate, any strategy for grant giving.

4.3. The grant agreement will be published in accordance with the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

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 NPCC assure that the receipt of Home Office funding does not involve the use of 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 duty requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not. 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. This award has undergone an initial equality screening. Due regard has been given to the Equality Act's Public Sector Equality Duty. Consideration has been made to assess equality impact from the proposed business changes. No negative impact has been identified for any individual or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic or otherwise.

6.3. Further reviews will be conducted, and if any new equality impact is identified, a full Equality Impact Assessment will be initiated.

7. Background/supporting papers

7.1. Home Office Grant Award 2025/26: NPCC ROCU Resourcing Uplift for the SARs Reform Programme.

<p>Public access to information</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>Part 1 Deferral:</p> <p>Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No.</p> <p>If yes, for what reason:</p> <p>Until what date:</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Is there a Part 2 form –No.</p>

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Head of Unit: The 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.	✓
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 not applicable.	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Drafting Officer Stephen Kalyango has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.	✓
Director/Head of Service: Chief Finance Officer, 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.

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Signature

Date 02/02/2026