

DMPC Decision – PCD 1070

Title: Home Office Grip Funding 2021

Executive Summary:

This paper seeks approval for the acceptance of £9,430,885 of Home Office (HO) Grip Violence Fund grant for the 2021/22 financial year. The funding will be used in the main for hot spot patrols to tackle violent crime in public spaces. The decision also seeks approval for the allocation of this funding by way of grant of £170,000 to the British Transport Police and £70,000 to the City of London Police. Approval to fund (from the HO grant) a grant payment to the Jill Dando Institute for the delivery of training and expertise to police officers in Problem Oriented Policing (POP) is also sought.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Accept the receipt of the Home Office Grip funding into the MPS and the associated conditions as set down in the grant agreement. The funding is combined total of £9,430,885.
2. Approve three specific allocation of spends committed to within the grant agreements. They are:
 - a) Approve the allocation of £170,000 grant from the Home Office Grip funding to British Transport Police (BTP). This allocation is to fund their contribution towards the delivery of operational activity in their areas of responsibility in London. The grant will be paid in arrears at the end of the FY and will be subject to delivery of pre-determined outcomes.
 - b) Approve the allocation of £70,000 grant from the home office grip funding to City of London Police (CoLP). This allocation is to fund their contribution towards the delivery of operational activity in their areas of responsibility in London. The grant will be paid in arrears at the end of the FY and will be subject to delivery of pre-determined outcomes.
 - c) Approve the payment of a grant to the Jill Dando Institute (JDI) to the value of £264,900 from within the grip fund. This funding will be to deliver training and expertise to MPS officers who will then act as SMEs to deliver the cultural change across the organisation. The funding breakdown is detailed on the corresponding business case.

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

1-12-21

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. This offer of grant funding for 2021/22 follows the acceptance of funding from the Home Office last year, and the allocation of some elements of the funding to organisations including British Transport Police (BTP) and City of London Police.
- 1.2. In order to expedite the delivery of this high priority work MOPAC signed a grant agreement accepting Home Office funding of £8,060,500 in August.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) states that accepting this grant funding contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021 as it supports the MPS strategic aims in reducing violence across the entire capital, and provides significant opportunity to engage with critical stakeholders and key service providers, outside of policing, to deliver a truly joined up and community focused approach to reducing violence.
- 2.2. The key success measures are as follows:
 - A reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with a knife or sharp object and especially among those victims aged under 25,
 - A reduction in knife-enabled serious violence and especially among those victims aged under 25,
 - A reduction in all non-domestic homicides and especially among those victims aged under 25 involving knives.
- 2.3. The allocations to the British Transport Police (BTP) and City of London Police are to fund their contribution towards the delivery of operational activity in their areas of responsibility in London.
- 2.4. The proposed use of the £264,900 of grant funding is for the development of training in Problem Oriented Policing (POP) for officers by the Jill Dando Institute.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The acceptance of the HO funding of £9,430,885 does not require any match funding by MOPAC.
- 3.2. The cost of the grants to BTP (£170,000), City of London Police (£70,000) and the Jill Dando Institute (£264,900) will be funded from the HO grant funding.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. Under Schedule 3, paragraph 7 (1) Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) MOPAC has incidental powers to “do anything which is calculated to

facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office.” Paragraph 7 (2) (a) provides that this includes entering into contracts and other agreements. The Met assure that these powers are sufficiently broad to permit MOPAC to enter into the grant agreement.

- 4.2. In relation to the receipt of grant monies, under Section 93 of the Police Act 1996, MOPAC “may, in connection with the discharge of any of its functions, accept gifts of money, and gifts or loans of other property, on such terms as appear to [MOPAC] to be appropriate”.
- 4.3. Under S.9 Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011, MOPAC can make a grant with the objective of “secur[ing], or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the [MPS]’s area”.
- 4.4. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated power to approve all offers made of grant funding. Further para 4.8 also provides the DMPC with delegated power for the strategy for the award of individual grants and/ or the award of all individual grants whether to secure or contribute to securing crime reduction in London or for other purposes

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 Met assure that the project does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, and 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 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.
- 6.2. The Met assure that the grant arrangement has been prepared under the governance of the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) and is covered under that Operational Command Units Community Impact Assessment. It has undergone an initial equality screening and 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.

7. Background/supporting papers

- Appendix 1 MPS Paper Home Office Grip Funding 2021

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.

✓

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 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 1/12/2021



Home Office Grip Funding 2021

MOPAC Investment Advisory & Monitoring meeting - 3rd November 2021

Report by Cmdr Alex Murray on behalf of the Chief of Corporate Services

Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The MPS is a priority force for the receipt of dedicated surge funding from the Home Office to tackle violent crime in public spaces.

The 2021/22 fund has been entitled “Home Office Grip Violence Fund” and is prescriptive in that it can only be used on Hot Spot patrols and developing Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Culture.

The MPS has been allocated a grant of £9,430,885.

Recommendations

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

1. **Accept the receipt of the Home Office Grip funding into the MPS and the associated conditions as set down in the grant agreement. The funding is combined total of £9,430,885.**
2. **Approve three specific allocation of spends committed to within the grant agreements. They are:**
 - i. **Approve** the allocation of £170,000 grant from the Home Office Grip funding to British Transport Police (BTP). This allocation is to fund their contribution towards the delivery of operational activity in their areas of responsibility in London. The grant will be paid in arrears at the end of the FY and will be subject to delivery of pre-determined outcomes.
 - ii. **Approve** the allocation of £70,000 grant from the home office grip funding to City of London Police (CoLP). This allocation is to fund their contribution towards the delivery of operational activity in their areas of responsibility in London. The grant will be paid in arrears at the end of the FY and will be subject to delivery of pre-determined outcomes.
 - iii. **Approve** the payment of a grant to the Jill Dando Institute (JDI) to the value of £264,900 from within the grip fund. This grant will enable

increased capacity at the institute and will further enable them to deliver training and expertise to MPS officers who will then act as SMEs to deliver the cultural change across the organisation. The funding breakdown is detailed on the corresponding business case.

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 17 November 2021. This is because of a condition of the grant to deliver all outcomes by 31st March 2022, operational delivery had to commence immediately upon confirmation of the grant.

As a result the DMPC and AC FLP have agreed and signed the initial grant agreement of £8,060,500 off-line outside of PIB/IAM to enable the operational activity to commence.

The uplift fund of £1,370,385 will be subject to an revised grant agreement.

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

The purpose of this paper is to close the internal governance loop and formalise activity already under way associated with the Home Office Violence Grip Funding to the MPS.

Introduction and background

1. The MPS is a priority force for the receipt of dedicated surge funding from the Home Office to tackle violent crime in public spaces.
2. The 2021/22 fund has been entitled “Home Office Grip Violence Fund” and is prescriptive in that it can only be used on Hot Spot patrols and developing Problem Oriented Policing (POP) Culture.
3. The MPS has been allocated an initial grant of £8,060,500 in June 2021.
4. A further uplift grant of £1,370,385 has been approved in September 2021, giving an overall investment by the Home Office of £9,430,885. The uplift is subject to an additional/revised grant agreement.

Issues for consideration

4. The funds being requested have been publicly committed to by the Home Office and welcomed by MOPAC and the MPS as an important contribution to fighting violent crime in London.
5. Non-approval would risk a loss of funding and crime reduction opportunities to both the MPS and MOPAC and would potentially challenge key partnership relationships amongst the three main forces that are responsible for policing in the capital.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021¹

6. It supports the MPS strategic aims in reducing violence across the entire capital.

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

7. It provides significant opportunity to engage with critical stakeholders and key service providers, outside of policing, to deliver a truly joined up and community focused approach to reducing violence.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

8. The proposed grant funding to BTP and CoLP is affordable and specifically identified as a line item in the Grip Funding Budget. There is no impact on the MPS baseline budget.
9. The proposed commissioning of Jill Dando Institute (JDI) and associated cost is affordable and specifically identified as a line item in the Grip Funding Budget. It has no impact on the MPS baseline budget.
10. The BTP and CoLP grants are subject to Service Delivery Agreements (SDAs) which are operationally sensitive. These are detailed in Part 2.
11. The JDI agreement is subject to specific requirements which are fully costed. They are both operationally and commercially sensitive. These are detailed in the Business Case in part 2.

Legal Comments

Grant Acceptance

12. This paper seeks MOPAC's approval to accept the receipt of Home Office funding and to allocate part of the funds to other bodies ('delivery partners') in accordance with the terms of the grant funding.
13. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated power to approve all offers made of grant funding
14. The grant agreement will be published pursuant to The Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) (Amendment) Order 2012.
15. DLS consider that MOPAC have the legal power necessary to enter into this grant agreement. In relation to the receipt of grant monies, under Section 93 of the Police Act 1996, MOPAC "may, in connection with the discharge of any of its functions, accept gifts of money, and gifts or loans of other property, on such terms as appear to [MOPAC] to be appropriate".

Making a Grant

16. Under S.9 Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011, MOPAC can make a grant with the objective of "secur[ing], or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the [MPS]'s area".
17. Furthermore, under Schedule 3, paragraph 7 (1) Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) MOPAC has incidental powers to "do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office." Paragraph 7 (2) (a) provides that this includes entering into contracts and other agreements. We consider that these powers are sufficiently broad to permit MOPAC to enter into the grant agreement/s.

18. The DMPC can approve the award of grants to a third party pursuant to paragraph 4.8 of the Scheme of Delegation and Consent which states: "The strategy for the award of individual grants and/ or the award of all individual grants whether to secure or contribute to securing crime reduction in London or for other purposes"
19. DLS considers that the MOPAC can lawfully accept the Home Office grant funding and make grants to CoLP, BTP and the JDI on the basis of the information in this report and the above mentioned powers.

Equality Comments

20. The paper is prepared under the governance of the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) and is covered under that Operational Command Unit's (OCU's) Community Impact Assessment.
21. This business case has 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.

Privacy Comments

22. 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.
23. 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.
24. The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the project meets its compliance requirements.
25. The project does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

Real Estate Implications

26. There are no real estate implications in this proposal.

Environmental Implications

27. There is no impact on the Environmental Strategies either internally or externally.

Background/supporting papers

28. The grant agreement between Home Office and MOPAC is attached and a matter of public record.
29. There are three supporting papers to this document that are operationally and commercially sensitive. They relate to the CoLP, BTP and JDI arrangements and

are listed in part 2.

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

The Government Security Classification marking for Part 2 is:

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE [COMMERCIAL]

OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE [OPERATIONAL]

Part 2 of Home Office Grip Funding Allocation is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

- Exempt under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 (Data Protection Section 43 – Commercial Interests).
- The relevant sections under the FOIA that would exempt this information from disclosure, for example:
 - Commercial Interest Section 43

Background/supporting papers

The following papers are in support of the grant agreement but are deemed commercially or operationally sensitive.

- a. BTP & CoLP Service Level Agreement*

**Draft template for reference only.*

- b. Business Justification Paper – JDI

The paper will cease to be exempt upon completion of the Home Office Grip Funding operational activity on 1st April 2022.