

**DMPC Decision – PCD 631****Title: Countering Violent Extremism Small Grants****Executive Summary:**

In December 2017 against the backdrop of an unprecedented spate of perpetrated and foiled terrorist activity the Mayor set out an intention to deliver an ambitious new Countering Violent Extremism programme. This Programme was designed to identify opportunities to improve and renew efforts to tackle violent extremism in the capital. In June 2019 the Mayor published the Programme's final report "A Shared Endeavour – Working in Partnership to Counter Violent Extremism in London"

This evidence-based policy report recommends that City Hall "deliver a small grants programme (which stands aside from existing Government countering extremism strategies) to civil society groups delivering projects which directly counter extremism, offer positive alternatives to vile ideologies and encourage others to stand up to hate and intolerance".

Tackling hate crime is also a priority for this mayoralty and integral to countering intolerance and extremism, and in recognition of this DMPC Decision – PCD 623 has sought approval for £100,000 to be contributed from the Hate Crime budget 2019/2020 to the Countering Violent Extremism budget to deliver small grants relating to the mitigation of hate crime.

To deliver this recommendation, this decision seeks DMPC approval to:

- Spend £300,000 of the Countering Violent Extremism budget on pan-London small grants in 2019/20
- Procure a contractor who through the Grants & Programme Services Specification Framework Agreement will oversee, deliver and administer the small grants across London. This contract will be up to the value of £40,000.

DMPC Decision PCD 623 and DMPC Decision PCD 631 will combine the total amount available for countering hate, intolerance and extremism small grants to £400,000.

**Recommendation:**

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

- Approve spending £300,000 of the Countering Violent Extremism budget on small grants
- Approve spending up to £40,000 on a contract with an organisation who will administer and manage the grant process

**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**

*Sophia Under*

**Date**

12/9/19

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

### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1. The Mayor set out his intention to deliver a new Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) programme in December 2017 which would run throughout the 2018/19 financial year. It is aimed to identify opportunities to improve and renew CVE delivery in London, including: to empower Londoners to speak out against extremism to help keep London safe. The Mayor committed to doing everything in his power to improve work that safeguards the vulnerable and roots out and stops individuals who are spreading vile ideologies and promoting terror.
- 1.2. In June 2019 the Mayor published his final report: “A Shared Endeavour – Working in Partnership to Counter Violent Extremism in London”. The programme delivered the most comprehensive city-wide engagement ever in this policy area and the report contains 70 recommendations for improved and renewed activity sat across four core areas of work: to strengthen communities by building resilience to extremism, encourage communities to stand up to extremism, safeguard vulnerable Londoners from radicalisation and stopping the spread of extremist ideologies.
- 1.3. The CVE programme followed on from the Mayor’s work to improve London’s preparedness to respond to terrorism.

### **2. Issues for consideration**

- 2.1 The procurement process will be overseen by the Head of the London CVE Programme to ensure value for money and delivery.
- 2.2 The terms of the grants will be specified and agreed by the CVE team in MOPAC to ensure it meets the findings and recommendations of the Mayor’s Countering Violent Programme.

### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. The £300,000 and £40,000 are budgeted for in the existing CVE Programme £700,000 budget for 2019/20.
- 3.2. DMPC Decision – PCD 623 provides a further £100,000 from the Hate Crime budget to the small grants pot.
- 3.3. As a result of this, the total amount of money available for small grants to counter hate, intolerance and extremism will be £400,000 and up to £40,000 has been set aside for the contract for the organisation that will manage the small grants process for MOPAC.
- 3.4. The £400,000 grant money and £40,000 contractor payment will be made in 2019/2020, but with the expectation that some of the grant agreements will continue into 2020/2021.

### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. Paragraph 4.8. in MOPAC’s Scheme of Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated powers to approve:
  - Any expenditure proposal of an exceptional nature which is significant as defined in 1.4 above which might otherwise be delegated or consented by this Scheme.

4.2. No further legal advice is required.

## **5. Commercial Issues**

- 5.1. This decision is seeking Deputy Mayor approval to commence a procurement exercise as per the Grants & Programme Services Specification Framework Agreement.
- 5.2. The CVE team has developed robust monitoring processes/systems to ensure delivery is on schedule and tracked to meet agreed targets and outcomes and, ensure MOPAC achieves value for money. Evaluation of the grants will also be part of the contract with the Contractor and will mirror the processes set out through other MOPAC small grants.

## **6. Public Health Approach**

- 6.1. The programme report, *A Shared Endeavour*, recognised that London's diverse communities want to be the first line of defence in tackling hate, intolerance and extremism. These communities are often under resourced to stand up and challenge extremism. In this effort, the delivery of this small grants pot will provide civil society groups across London with the opportunity to apply for one off grant funding to undertake work in renewing and tackling extremism in London. Equipping communities across London provides an opportunity for innovation and engagement on an often difficult and sensitive topic which affects Londoners in different ways.

## **7. GDPR and Data Privacy**

- 7.1. The project does not use personally identifiable data therefore there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

## **8. Equality Comments**

- 8.1. The CVE programme has been developed to ensure that communities across London are treated fairly and consistently, and afforded equal protection under the law, with equal access to services and support in relation to countering violent extremism.
- 8.2. It is critical that this programme equally represents and provides a voice to representatives of all communities affected by hatred and intolerance.
- 8.3. All meetings will be held in fully accessible buildings and will consider religious festivals and any other diverse needs of attendees.
- 8.4. This programme seeks the views of a diverse demographic and support will be provided according to need.
- 8.5. MOPAC will work closely with the successful organisation to ensure the approach to deliver this work is undertaken in adherence with equality legislation.

## **9. Background/supporting papers**

N/A.

**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.

✓

**Public Health Approach**

Due diligence has been given to determine whether the programme sits within the Violence Reduction Unit's public approach to reducing violence. This has been reviewed and supported by a senior manager within the VRU.

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**Commercial Issues**

The Contract Management Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report. The proposal is in keeping with the GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy.

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**GDPR/Data Privacy**

- GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report and Data Protection Officer has been consulted on the GDPR issues within this report.
- A DPIA is not required.

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**Director/Head of Service**

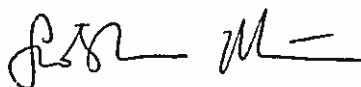
The Director has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

**Interim 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**

11/9/19

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