

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 318**Title: Special Police Services Agreement with Poplar HARCA****Executive Summary:**

Poplar HARCA (a registered social landlord) has requested special police services (SPS) under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 to combat crime and anti-social behaviour across their 13 managed estates. The request is for an initial 12 months from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019 with the option of extending for multiple 12 month periods on provision of written notice. The SPS is to be provided by a dedicated police team of one Police Sergeant and four Police Constables at an initial cost of £346,624 for the first year.

Recommendation:

The DMPC is asked to approve:

1. The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to approve of the Special Police Services Agreement (SPS) with Poplar HARCA.
2. The SPS is to be provided by a dedicated police team of one Police Sergeant and four Police Constables at an initial cost of £346,624 for the first year, with the option of extending for multiple 12 month periods on provision of written notice.

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*Sophie Linden***Date***29/01/18*

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The role of the dedicated police team is to provide SPS to Poplar HARCA with a focus to combat anti-social behaviour, drugs and local crime issues as well as engagement in Poplar HARCA tenanted areas. Poplar HARCA (a registered social landlord) has requested special police services (SPS) under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 to combat crime and anti-social behaviour across their 13 managed estates.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. There is provision in the SPS Agreement for Poplar HARCA to formally request to extend the SPS Agreement for further subsequent 12 month periods. Due to this provision the approval of the SPS Agreement is viewed as requiring the approval of the DMPC.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The charge for SPS to Poplar HARCA for the period 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019 is reflective of the full cost recovery of one Police Sergeant and four Police Constables at a total annual cost of £346,624. The total cost of the Police Sergeant and Police Constables for each successive year of the SPS Agreement would be adjusted to ensure it continues to represent full cost recovery.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The MPS may provide policing resources to Poplar HARCA under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. Under that Act the Commissioner may, at the request of any person, provide SPS at any premises or in any locality in the police area for which the force is maintained, subject to payment to MOPAC on charges on such scale and on such terms as it may determine.
- 4.2. The final decision rests with the DMPC as Section 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent requires the DMPC to approve the provision of policing services to external bodies where the contract value is £500,000 or above.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. Poplar HARCA, as one of the largest Registered Social Landlord's in London, has a published Equal Opportunities policy which states that it is committed to equal opportunities, both as an employer and as a provider of housing and community regeneration services. It believes that it is important to have an inclusive culture and diverse workforce. The policy reflects the company's commitment to objectively assess, recruit and reward based on merit.

6. Background/supporting papers

- 6.1. Report

Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the MOPAC website within 1 working day of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred ? NO

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:

Head of Unit: The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal Advice: There are no direct issues arising from this proposal	✓
Financial Advice: The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: There are no Equality and Diversity issues arising from this proposal.	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL**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 *R. Lawrence*

Date *29/1/18*

Special Police Services Agreement with Poplar HARCA

Report by Assistant Commissioner Territorial Policing and the Director of Commercial and Finance on behalf of the Commissioner

Poplar HARCA (a registered social landlord) has requested special police services (SPS) under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 to combat crime and anti-social behaviour across their 13 managed estates. The request is for an initial 12 months from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019 with the option of extending for multiple 12 month periods on provision of written notice. The SPS is to be provided by a dedicated police team of one Police Sergeant and four Police Constables at an initial cost of £346,624 for the first year.

Section 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent requires the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) to approve the provision of policing services to external bodies where the contract value is £500,000 or above. The ability to seek successive annual extensions of the Agreement after year one is viewed as warranting the approval of the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC).

It is recommended that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to approve of the SPS Agreement with Poplar HARCA.

Time Sensitivity

A decision is required by Thursday 1 March 2018 to ensure legal compliance with the term of the SPS Agreement which has a start date of the 1 March 2018.

Part 1

A. RECOMMENDATIONS - That

1. **The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to approve of the Special Police Services Agreement with Poplar HARCA.**

B. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Poplar HARCA has requested special police services (SPS) under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 for the provision of SPS. The request for SPS is for an initial term of 12 months from 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019 to be provided by a dedicated police team of one Police Sergeant and four Police Constables at an estimated total cost in year one of £346,624.
2. There is provision in the SPS Agreement for Poplar HARCA to formally request to extend the SPS Agreement for further subsequent 12 month periods. Due to this provision the approval of the SPS Agreement is viewed as requiring the approval of the DMPC.
3. The role of the dedicated police team is to provide SPS to Poplar HARCA with a focus to combat anti-social behaviour, drugs and local crime issues as well as engagement in Poplar HARCA tenanted areas.
4. There had been a previous SPS Agreement with Poplar HARCA for a police team of the same size as currently requested of 12 months duration which had expired on the 3 March 2016 due to the financial constraints that Poplar HARCA faced at that time. This team was

considered by both parties as beneficial and the previous financial constraints that Poplar HARCA faced have now been resolved internally.

4. The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to approve of the Special Police Services Agreement with Poplar HARCA.

C. OTHER ORGANISATIONAL & COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Equality and Diversity Impact

1. Poplar HARCA, as one of the largest Registered Social Landlord's in London, has a published Equal Opportunities policy which states that it is committed to equal opportunities, both as an employer and as a provider of housing and community regeneration services. It believes that it is important to have an inclusive culture and diverse workforce. The policy reflects the company's commitment to objectively assess, recruit and reward based on merit.
2. There are no aspects from Poplar HARCA's equal opportunities policy which would cause the MOPAC any cause for concern in agreeing to provide the SPS that Poplar HARCA has requested.
3. Therefore there are no Equality and Diversity issues identified with this proposal.

Financial Implications

1. The charge for SPS to Poplar HARCA for the period 1 March 2018 to 28 February 2019 is reflective of the full cost recovery of one Police Sergeant and four Police Constables at £79,810 and £266,814 respectively at £66,704 per Police Constable which includes corporate support costs; a total annual cost of £346,624. The total cost of the Police Sergeant and Police Constables for each successive year of the SPS Agreement would be adjusted to ensure it continues to represent full cost recovery.

Value for Money Statement

1. Following the transfer of homes from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and their own subsequent building programme, Poplar HARCA owns and manages around 9,000 homes in Poplar, East London.
2. The objectives of the police team include:
 - to reduce the overall level of crime;
 - to reduce the level of disorder and anti-social behaviour;
 - to reduce the level of alcohol-related incidents; and
 - to improve the confidence level among the public.
3. The benefit to the MPS of the provision of the police team at Poplar HARCA is the ability of the Team to work with Poplar HARCA's own anti-social behaviour team in ensuring the residents of the various estates are reassured and safe in their own home and make the locations a far more difficult area for criminals to operate. The presence of the police team will reduce the level of emergency calls that Tower Hamlets Police would have to respond to and thereby ensure resources are not diverted from the policing of the remainder of the Borough.

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4. In the event that the SPS Agreement was not renewed by Poplar HARCA, as these officers are additional posts above the workforce target for Tower Hamlets Borough Command Unit, the posts would be removed and the officers filling these positions would be redeployed.

Legal Implications

1. There are no direct legal issues identified from the recommendations set out in this report.
2. The MPS may provide policing resources to Poplar HARCA under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. Under that Act the Commissioner may, at the request of any person, provide SPS at any premises or in any locality in the police area for which the force is maintained, subject to payment to MOPAC on charges on such scale and on such terms as it may determine.
3. The final decision rests with the DMPC as Section 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent requires the DMPC to approve the provision of policing services to external bodies where the contract value is £500,000 or above.

Consultation undertaken

1. There has been consultation with the Borough Commander at Tower Hamlets Borough in the development of this report in addition to the standard requirements in regard to equality and diversity, DLS and the Finance Business Partner for TP.

Risk (including Health and Safety) Implications

1. If the dedicated police team was not present, there would be the potential for each of the crimes that currently the team is able to deal with immediately to generate a 999 or 101 call. This would require a response from the normal core policing provided by Tower Hamlets Borough Command Unit which would divert core resources away from providing the core policing service to the residents and other businesses within the Borough.

Environmental Implications

1. No environmental implications have been identified.

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Background papers: None.

Part 2 (Exempt)

There are no aspects of the report which require placement in Part 2 (Exempt).

