MOPAC

MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION - PCD 311

Title: Hostile Vehicle Mitigation in London's Ceremonial Footprint

Executive Summary:

The Government have agreed to provide £5.25 to fund permanent hostile vehicle mitigation (HVM) measures around venues to be used for this year's Commonwealth Summit. This will be from the Home Office Special Grant.

This is in response to a request from the MPS for £7m funding to complete work fitting HVM measures across the whole of the London's Ceremonial Footprint – the Westminster Ceremonial Streetscape Project.

The £5.25m funding will be passed from MOPAC to Westminster Council for completion of the works and is only available in 2017-18. Home Office propose to provide 80% (£4.2m) of this funding in the first instance with the remainder being made available at the point of need.

Recommendation:

The DMPC is asked to approve receipt of a £5.25m Special Grant payment in 2017-18 from the Home Office for contribution to the Westminster Street Scape Project and to in turn provide a grant to Westminster Council for the same amount. £4.2m of this funding will be made available in the first instance with the remaining £1.05m made available at the point of need.

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

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Date

24/01/18

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

Decision required – supporting report

Introduction and background

1.1. The Home Office and MPS are preparing for The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2018 (CHOGM) in London on 16th April 2018. This will bring together Heads of State from across the Commonwealth. As part of these preparations the MPS have made a bid to Home Office Special Grant for funding to install permanent hostile vehicle mitigation (HVM) measures around London's Ceremonial Footprint which will host many of the venues used in the CHOGM. This includes Green Park, St James Park, Westminster and Buckingham Palace, an area which contains many government buildings and other state buildings and hosts around 700 events per year.

2. Issues for consideration

2.1. Home Office have agreed to provide £5.25m of funding in 2017-18, £4.2m in the first instance with the remaining £1.05m paid at the point of need. The funding is needed by Westminster Council to pay for the instillation of the HVM measures. Since Special Grant funding can only be paid to Police and Crime Commissioners, the Home Office propose passing this funding to MOPAC, who in turn pass it on to Westminster Council.

3. Financial Comments

3.1. See above

4. Legal Comments

4.1. The grant agreement will be between MOPAC and Westminster Council but this will mirror the conditions attached to the funding determined by the Home Office.

5. Equality Comments

5.1. NA

Background/supporting papers

6.1. NA

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

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 (✓)
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OFFICER APPROVAL

Chief Executive

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 Policina and Crime.

Signature

R. Lauvence

Date 24/01/18