

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 292**Title: Operation Vanguard****Executive Summary:**

The MPS are seeking for acceptance of a contribution of £176,000 per annum for a two year period (2017/18-2018/19) from SaferCash in support of Operation Vanguard.

Operation Vanguard has been in existence for over 10 years focusing on cash and valuables in transit attacks in London, and has been successful in reducing these crimes. The industry recognises the benefit and wish to support Operation Vanguard to ensure its continuation

Recommendation:

The DMPC is asked to approve;

- Approves the acceptance of a contribution of £176,000 per annum for a two year period, from SaferCash towards the activities of Operation Vanguard pursuant to section 93 of the Police Act 1996

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*Stephen Hender***Date***20/11/17*

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. In 2006/7 there were 523 Cash and Valuables in Transit (CViTs) attacks in London. Offending reached a high point in January 2007 with 84 CViT attacks. Almost £7 million was stolen from CViT replenishments, falling to under £1 million by 2016/17.
- 1.2. Operation Vanguard is an SCO7 led operation that was established in 2006 to target the rise in CViT robberies. The unit works in partnership with the CViT industry, SaferCash and British Security Industry Association (BSIA) to react to dynamic intelligence to gather information to either prevent or support the investigation of commercial robbery offences including the arrest of those responsible. SaferCash is a body created by the BSIA to work in partnership with law enforcement and industry to share intelligence to ensure effective and efficient intervention to reduce the overall risk and cost of crime to the industry, businesses and the wider community.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. Over the years, the industry has recognised the commercial benefit of Operation Vanguard and has provided ad hoc financial and in-kind support. All parties now wish to formalise the larger financial contribution that the industry members wish to provide through SaferCash.
- 2.2. The £176,000 per annum is being offered as a contribution towards the work of Operation Vanguard, especially the operational benefit of the Vanguard Control Room. The offer is for an initial 2 years.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1 The contribution of £176,000 will be used to off-set the current overspend on overtime budgets in SCO7.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. This report is submitted to MOPAC for approval in accordance with paragraph 4.13 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent that provides the DMPC must approve all unforeseen variations and extensions to a contract with an original value of £500k or above, or when the variation or extension is greater than 10% of the original value and/or is for a period of more than 12 months.
- 4.2. The MOPAC Scheme of Delegation at Clause 4.8 requires the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to approve all collaboration agreements where the Act requires. As this is a policing body collaboration, it is required.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. There are no direct equality or diversity implications arising from this report

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 rational for non-publication.

Is there a **part 2** form – No

If yes, for what reason: N/A

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: The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.		N/A
Financial Advice: The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this proposal.		✓
Equalities Advice: No Equality and Diversity issues identified.		✓

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 *15/11/17*

Operation VANGUARD

Investment Advisory Board – November 2017

Report by ACSCO on behalf of the Commissioner

Executive Summary

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Time Sensitivity

A decision is required by 31st December 2017

To ensure legal compliance as the funding stream is due to be contributed by Safer Cash on the 1st January 2018.

A. RECOMMENDATIONS - That the Deputy Mayor for Policing

Approves the acceptance of a contribution of £176,000 per annum from SaferCash towards the activities of Operation Vanguard pursuant to section 93 of the Police Act 1996;

B. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

In 2006/7 there were 523 Cash and Valuables in Transit (CViTs) attacks in London. Offending reached a high point in January 2007 with 84 CViT attacks. Almost £7 million was stolen from CViT replenishments, falling to under £1 million by 2016/17.

The introduction of the Operation Vanguard model in London led to this massive reduction in crime and in 2016/17 there were only 57 CViT attacks in London. This represents an 89% reduction since 2006/7. In 2006/7 the average number of CViT attacks per month was 44 while in 2016/17 this figure had fallen to under 5 per month. The detection rate also improved dramatically after the introduction of Operation Vanguard.

Prior to the introduction of Operation Vanguard, insurance companies used by the CViT industry were threatening to stop insuring the delivery of money in London, such were the losses involved, and therefore the movement of cash and valuables would cease across the Capital.

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Operation Vanguard delivers against the purpose of the SaferCash partnership by providing a covert and overt response to suspicious incidents to gather intelligence, evidence, arrest offenders and/or disrupt such offences. The unit also provides support to Flying Squad who are responsible for the investigation into CViT commercial robberies with information & intelligence from Industry and police.

Over the years, the industry has recognised the commercial benefit to them of Operation Vanguard and have provided ad hoc financial and in-kind support. All parties now wish to

formalise the larger financial contribution that the industry members wish to provide through SaferCash.

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C. OTHER ORGANISATIONAL & COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Equality and Diversity Impact

1. The activities of Operation Vanguard are business as usual policing activities that adhere to national and MPS law enforcement policies and guidance that have been developed with community advisers. Additionally, equality and diversity considerations have been taken into account particularly concerning the support of Small and Medium Enterprises who are at greatest risk from business crime.

Financial Implications / Value for Money

The overall cost of Operation Vanguard specific policing activities, both covert and overt, and the running of the Control Room costs £755,100 and is funded from existing SCO budgets.

The contribution of £176,000 will be used to off-set the current overspend on overtime budgets in SCO7.

Legal Implications

1. S93 of the Police Act 1996, allows the MOPAC, as the local policing body, in connection with the discharge of any its functions to accept gifts and loans of money and resources and includes the ability to provide commercial sponsorship terms to the third party.
2. The MOPAC Scheme of Delegation at Clause 4.8 requires the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime to approve all collaboration agreements where the Act requires. As this is a policing body collaboration, it is required.

Risk (including Health and Safety) Implications

Health and Safety

1. SCO7(5) will continue to work with the MPS Safety and Health Risk Management Team (and other agencies as appropriate) to ensure that all significant H&S risks have been quantified, and that suitable and sufficient controls are in place aimed at mitigating the risk to the MPS as follows:
 - a) Compliance with health and safety at work statutory provisions including codes of practice
 - b) MOPAC/MPS Safety Management System and
 - c) Service delivery that may impact public, officer or staff safety
 - d) Safer driving policy

Risks

1. Without approval to secure this financial agreement between BSIA (SaferCash) and MPS there is significant risk that the proven crime reduction techniques and support to industry cannot be delivered. Reduction in crime in this area and the impact on the 'High Street' business community relies heavily on the expertise and drive of Operation Vanguard and support of the Flying Squad
2. Repeated threat from the insurance companies for CVIT companies to stop the delivery of money in London.
3. The Business Community is our largest and most diverse community. The NPCC CVIT and Commercial Crime portfolio under DCC Jupp (Suffolk), the MPS and SCO7(5) have committed to delivering an improved service.

Environmental Implications

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Supporting Documents:

