

**DMPC Decision – PCD 511**

**Title: Grant funding for the National Policing Data Communications Group Futures Group and Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service**

**Executive Summary:**

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The most recent of these agreements expired on 31 March 2018 and the HO have now drafted new grant agreements for each of these funding streams to cover the current and next financial years.

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is asked to approve the continuation of HO grant funding for the National Policing Data Communications Group Futures Group and Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service.

**Recommendation:**

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

- Approve the continuation of grant funding from the Home Office for the National Policing Data Communications Group Futures Group for the period from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020. The value of the grant is £1,046,000 per year.
- Approve the continuation of grant funding from the Home Office for the Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020. The value of the grant is £130,078 per year.

**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**

14/12/2018

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

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

- 1.1. The National Policing Data Communications Group (DCG) Futures Group is a sub-group of the National Policing DCG. The group was formed to address the challenges that an increasingly sophisticated and ever-changing communications environment poses for the National Law Enforcement community. The group is concerned with an improved understanding of existing technologies and exploring the impact of new technology and services on investigators.
- 1.2. The Home Office (HO) have funded the DCG Futures Group since 2007. This funding has previously been formalised under a series of umbrella grant agreements between the HO and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) for the Communications Capabilities Development (CCD) Programme, which were approved and signed by the MOPAC. However, the most recent grant agreement for the CCD programme expired on 31 March 2018 and HO have now issued a new grant agreement to formalise the funding of the DCG Futures Group for the next two financial years.

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

- 2.1. DCG Futures are leading and supporting a number of national projects which are scheduled for completion during 2019 / 20. The projects assist across a wide variety of policing roles which directly impact on the prevent, protect and pursue strategy.

### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. DCG Futures are leading and supporting a number of national projects which are scheduled for completion during 2019 / 20. The projects assist across a wide variety of policing roles which directly impact on the prevent, protect and pursue strategy.

### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. These grants will be paid to the MOPAC in exercise of the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 57 of the Police Act 1996. The Secretary of State may provide and maintain, or may contribute to the provision or maintenance of, such organisations, facilities and services as he considers necessary or expedient for promoting the efficiency or effectiveness of the police.
- 4.2. This report seeks MOPAC approval for the continuation of grant funding for DCG Futures and the Communications Data Account Manager.
- 4.3. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated powers to accept any offer of grant funding.

- 4.4. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

## **5. GDPR and Data Privacy**

- 5.1. The Privacy Impact Screening Questions were completed for DCG Futures and it was deemed that no Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) was required.

## **6. Equality Comments**

- 6.1. As this is an extension of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity. No diversity or equality issues have been raised by the previous CDAM, or the current CDAM.
- 6.2. DCG training events utilise professional event teams and ensure disability related issues are addressed during registration and at events. The tools and products developed or identified are integrated into Home Office systems where compliance with UK legislation is the responsibility of their programme teams.

## **7. Background/supporting papers**

- 7.1. Report

**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 (✓)
<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>Legal Advice:</b> The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
<b>Commercial Issues</b> Commercial issues are not applicable	✓
<b>GDPR/Data Privacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.</li><li>A DPIA is not required.</li></ul>	✓
<b>Director/Head of Service:</b> The Chief Finance Officer has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓

**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 05/12/2018



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MAYOR OF LONDON  
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

**Grant funding for the National Policing Data Communications Group Futures Group and Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service**

**Portfolio and Investment Board – 3 December 2018**

**Report by Assistant Commissioner, Met Operations and Assistant Commissioner, Frontline Policing on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner**

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

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**Recommendations**

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**the Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2020. The value of the grant is £130,078 per year.**

### **Time sensitivity**

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 20 December 2018. This is because the MPS is currently incurring expenditure for the funding of the National Policing Data Communications Group Futures Group and Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service for the 2018/19 financial year and needs to reclaim this money from the Home Office.

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

### **Introduction and background**

#### **National Policing Data Communications Group (DCG) Futures Group**

1. The National Policing Data Communications Group (DCG) Futures Group is a sub-group of the National Policing DCG. The group was formed to address the challenges that an increasingly sophisticated and ever-changing communications environment poses for the National Law Enforcement community. The group is concerned with an improved understanding of existing technologies and exploring the impact of new technology and services on investigators.
2. The Home Office (HO) have funded the DCG Futures Group since 2007. This funding has previously been formalised under a series of umbrella grant agreements between the HO and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) for the Communications Capabilities Development (CCD) Programme, which were approved and signed by the MOPAC. However, the most recent grant agreement for the CCD programme expired on 31 March 2018 and HO have now issued a new grant agreement to formalise the funding of the DCG Futures Group for the next two financial years.
3. The grant of £1,046,000 funds staff and resource costs, maintaining and improving existing capability, new capability, research and development and communications and training.
4. DCG Futures work with all UK law enforcement and industry partners on new and emerging communications technology. The findings directly result in the development/delivery of tools and products to assist investigators. Training programmes are developed and delivered for first responders through to senior officers and criminal justice partners.

#### **Communications Data Delivery and National Communications Delivery Service (Communications Data Account Manager)**

5. The Communications Data Account Manager (CDAM) acts as a conduit between the National Communications Data Service (NCDS) and the regional Law

Enforcement Agencies (LEA) (and wider Public Authorities (PA)). Their role is as follows:

- a. Maintain effective day-to-day communications between the CD LEA/PA Community and the NCDS.
  - b. Ensure NCDS strategic thinking aligns with the operational needs of the LEA and PA.
  - c. Raise issues and risks relating to communications data on behalf of the LEA/PO Community with the relevant Pods within NCDS
  - d. Facilitate meetings and briefings between NCDS and their designated LEA/PA regions
  - e. Ensure that CD opportunities are being maximised by the LEA or PA Community
  - f. Assist NCDS in prioritising new CD capabilities for the LEA and PO Community
6. The Home Office have funded the CDAM since 23 February 2015. This funding has previously been formalised under a series of umbrella grant agreements between the Home Office and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) for the Communications Capabilities Development (CCD) Programme, which was approved and signed by the MOPAC. However, the most recent grant agreement for the CCD programme expired on 31 March 2018 and HO have now issued a new grant agreement to formalise the funding of the CDAM for the next two financial years.
7. The grant of £130,078 funds the cost of a Detective Superintendent, support costs and travel and subsistence.

### **Issues for consideration**

8. DCG Futures are leading and supporting a number of national projects which are scheduled for completion during 2019 / 20. The projects assist across a wide variety of policing roles which directly impact on the prevent, protect and pursue strategy.
9. The MPS acquires more Communications Data than any other Law Enforcement Agency in the UK. However, the use of Communications Data by Law Enforcement and Public Authorities has undergone significant legal challenges in recent years. In April 2019, the Investigatory Powers Act is going to transform how the MPS authorises, acquires, stores and retains Communications Data. New legislation, application forms, authorisation processes, training and CD workflows will each bring about new challenges. The MPS CDAM will ensure that MPS interests are represented across government and that transition to the new ways of working are managed effectively.

### **Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021<sup>1</sup>**

10. DCG Futures research and findings are disseminated across UK law enforcement to ensure investigators are aware of the operational risks and

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

opportunities of new and emerging technology. This assists with priorities highlighted in the Police and Crime Plan such as keeping children and young people safe and violent crime against women and girls.

### Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

11. All the cost shown for the DCG Futures Group and CD Account Manager will be recovered from the HO under new grant agreements between HO and MOPAC. These costs were previously recovered from the HO under an umbrella grant agreement covering CCD.
12. The Home Office have confirmed that grant funding is available for the DCG Futures Group and CD Account Manager for the next two years. The HO have already issued grant agreements for this funding, which will be signed and the funding claimed once approval has been received from the DMPC. There are no financial risks to the MPS.
13. The DCG Futures Group are an integral part of the new National Communications Data and Legal Interception (CDLI) Partnership. There are plans for the Partnership staff and services to be permanently funded from March 2020 through the HO, who are part of the partnership. The long-term discussions will also explore the physical location of the staff, which subject to agreement would have the futures group remain within the MPS.
14. Should the Home Office cease funding for the CDAM role in the MPS at the end of the funding period, there would be two options. The first option would be to allocate money from the existing MPS budget to fund the post, which in the current climate could be problematic. The second option would be to transfer the CDAM responsibilities to another Superintendent and accept the role can no longer be full time role. The SRO for Communications Data in the MPS is also the operational head of the Communications Intelligence Unit (CIU), the Internet Intelligence and Investigation Unit (III), the Automatic Number Plate Recognition Unit (ANPR) and the Horizons (Projects) Team. As such they already have a good understanding of the issues managed by the CDAM and would be best placed to take on this role.'
15. A summary of the breakdown of the grant funding of the **DCG Futures Group** is shown in the table below:-

Category	Amount (£)
Staff/resource costs (5 x police Staff, 1 x Contractor)	401,000
Travel and subsistence	35,000
New capability	130,000
Maintaining and improving existing capability	135,000
Research and development	220,000
Communications and training	125,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,046,000</b>



16. A summary of the breakdown of the grant funding of the **CADM** is shown in the table below:-

Category	Amount(£)
Staff costs	116,057
Support costs	12,021
Travel and subsistence	2,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,078</b>

### Legal Comments

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19. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated powers to accept any offer of grant funding.
20. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

### Equality Comments

21. As this is an extension of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity. No diversity or equality issues have been raised by the previous CDAM Superintendent Caroline Trevithick, or the current CDAM, Detective Superintendent Phil Tomlinson.
22. DCG training events utilise professional event teams and ensure disability related issues are addressed during registration and at events. The tools and products we develop or identify are integrated into Home Office systems where compliance with UK legislation is the responsibility of their programme teams.

### Privacy Comments

23. The Privacy Impact Screening Questions were completed for DCG Futures and it was deemed that no Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) was required.

**Real Estate Implications**

24. There are no real estate implications.

**Environmental Implications**

25. There are no environmental implications.

**Background/supporting papers**

26. There are no background papers.

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