

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 427**Title: Live Fire Advanced Skills House****Executive Summary:**

This project involves the MPS building an additional firearms training facility, which will enable the MPS to fulfil a compulsory training requirement for the armed officer role profile of Counter Terrorism Specialist Firearms Officer (CTSFO). Training requirements for armed police officers of the various armed role profiles are mandated nationally by the College of Policing (COP).

Recommendation:

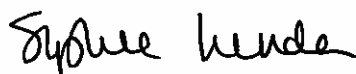
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

- To approve the recommendation of Option 2 – Building of a Live Fire Advanced Skills House
- To approve the release of £0.25M in capital funds from the £5M in the capital plan to carry out a PFI variation enquiry to progress designs and appoint professionals to carry out the preliminary stages of a build project at MPSTC to enable progression to Full Business Case (FBC). This will cover the cost of a PFI variation enquiry including a feasibility study to provide robust build costings and programme should the build proceed in the suggested location as recommended. It does not commit the MPS to further expense if the organisation is unhappy with the results of the variation.
- To agree to the re-profiling of capital plan to reflect the changes in estimated spend.
- To approve the alignment of £1.25M Optimism Bias (25% of the estimated build cost advised by PSD at OBC stage), be absorbed within the OB for the wider capital build programme.
- To note it is estimated that the running costs will be £125k per annum. The required funding will come from the SCO19 revenue budgets to the PFI cost centre to contribute towards the additional costs.

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**

18/7/18

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The MPS Counter Terrorism Specialist Firearms Officer (CTSFO) form a central pillar of the national armed capability, which delivers against elements of Protect Prepare & Pursue, within the Contest Strategy.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The MPS requires CTSFOs to carryout armed policing operations to protect the public in the Capital. CTSFOs are a required element of MPS armed policing capability and continuing to have officers who perform this role profile is essential in order combat the threat of terrorism and serious and organised crime operations
- 2.2. In order to qualify as a CTSFO officers are required to complete all mandatory CTSFO modules from the College of Policing (COP) CTSFO training manual. In order to maintain the qualification of CTSFO officers must undergo regular continuation training and display and be continually assessed as operationally competent in each of the mandatory modules at regular intervals through the year.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. Funding for this project has been identified within the MPS Capital Plan and existing revenue budgets. Further details are provided in Part 2.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is a contracting authority as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the Regulations). All awards of public contracts for goods and/or services valued at £181,302 or above must be procured in accordance with the Regulations. There are no additional legal considerations above or beyond any normal construction project.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. The nine Protected Characteristics specified by the Equality Act 2010 have been considered, and there are no issues arising from this decision.

6. Background/supporting papers

- 6.1. 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 – YES

It is recommended that the information in the Part 2 form not be published since if a request for this information was made under the FOIA, it is likely that it would be exempt from disclosure under the following sections for the FOIA:

Commercial Interest Section 43

Date at which Part 2 will cease to be confidential or when confidentiality should be reviewed:
Completion of the contract.

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION

		Tick to confirm statement (✓)
Head of Unit: The Chief Finance Officer 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.		✓
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.		✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.		✓

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

10/07/18





MOPAC

MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

LFASH Outline Business Case

MOPAC Investment Advisory Board 28th June 2018

Report by Ross McKibbin on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Skills House Outline Business Case is requesting that the MPS progress a project which forms part of the Strengthening our Armed Policing Capability Programme. This project involves the MPS building an additional firearms training facility, which will enable the MPS to fulfil a compulsory training requirement for the armed officer role profile of Counter Terrorism Specialist Firearms Officer (CTSFO). Training requirements for armed police officers of the various armed role profiles are mandated nationally by the college of policing (COP).

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, via the Investment Advisory Board (IAB), is asked to:

1. To approve the recommendation of Option 2 – Building of a Live Fire Advanced Skills House
2. To approve the release of £0.25M in capital funds from the £5M in the capital plan to carry out a PFI variation enquiry to progress designs and appoint professionals to carry out the preliminary stages of a build project at MPSTC to enable progression to Full Business Case (FBC). This will cover the cost of a PFI variation enquiry including a feasibility study to provide robust build costings and programme should the build proceed at the suggested location as recommended. It does not commit the MPS to further expense if the organisation are unhappy with the results of the variation.
3. To agree to the re-profiling of capital plan to reflect the changes in estimated spend.
4. To approve the alignment of £1.25M Optimism Bias (25% of the estimated build cost advised by PSD at OBC stage), be absorbed within the OB for the wider capital build programme.
5. To note it is estimated that the running costs will be £125k per annum. The required funding will come from the SCO19 revenue budgets to the PFI cost centre to contribute towards the additional costs.

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor within 10 working days of IAB to enable work to be commissioned as soon as possible.

Introduction and background

1. The MPS & MOPAC counter terrorism strategy forms part of CONTEST the overarching UK Governments counter terrorism strategy last published in 2015. This strategy is broken down in to 4 areas
 - **Pursue:** The investigation and disruption of terrorist attacks.
 - **Prevent:** Work to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
 - **Protect:** Improving our protective security to stop a terrorist attack.
 - **Prepare:** Working to minimise the impact of an attack and recover as quickly as possible.
2. The MPS Counter Terrorism Specialist Firearms Officer (CTSFO) forms a central pillar of this armed capability, which delivers against elements of Protect Prepare & Pursue. CTSFOs were introduced by the MPS prior to the London Olympics to upskill the existing Specialist Firearms Officer (SFO) role profile to meet the needs of counter terrorism and bridge the gap between the police and United Kingdom Special Forces (UKSF). After the MPS introduced the role profile it was adopted nationally and is now mandated by the College of Policing (COP).

Issues for consideration

3. The MPS requires CTSFOs to carryout armed policing operations to protect the public in the Capital. CTSFOs are a required element of MPS armed policing capability and continuing to have officers who perform this role profile is essential in order combat the threat of terrorism and serious and organised crime operations. This has been the case since 2012 when the CTSFO role profile was ratified in preparation for the Olympics.
4. In order to qualify as a CTSFO officers are required to complete all mandatory CTSFO modules from the College of Policing (COP) CTSFO training manual.
5. In order to maintain the qualification of CTSFO officers must undergo regular continuation training and display and be continually assessed as operationally competent in each of the mandatory modules at regular intervals through the year.

One of the facilities required is known as a Skills House. There are very few if these in the UK.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021

6. CTSFOs are a key policing capability which supports our ability to combat violent crime and extremism. In this capacity they directly contribute to two of the three Mayoral priority areas keeping children and young people safe and standing together against hatred, intolerance and extremism. This project also directly contributes to the specific strategic policing objective of protecting London from terrorism. Direct reference to the plan required

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

Funding for this project has been identified within the MPS Capital Plan. The Commercial case is outlined within the Outline Business case and is expected to follow standard commercial and procurement procedures,

Legal Comments

7. There are no additional legal considerations above or beyond any normal construction project.

Equality Comments

8. The Strategy Diversity & Inclusion team has been consulted about this project and provided feedback which will be taken into account during the building design and relate to accessibility of the building.

Privacy Comments

9. There are no privacy issues connected to this project. The project is a construction project and does not involve data storage or the retention of personal private information.

Real Estate Implications

10. If the recommended option is approved this will not increase MPS estate, however it will result in an additional building being constructed on existing estate.

Environmental Implications

11. Wherever possible, the commercial relationships will be formed and nurtured with partnering and contracting organisations who share these values on responsible procurement. The Mayoral Policy and the MPS Environment Policy requirements will be embedded into supplier contracts via the PFI Contractor.

Background/supporting papers

12. There are no supporting papers

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Part 2 – This section refers to the details of the Part 2 business case which is NOT SUITABLE for MOPAC Publication.

The Government Security Classification marking for Part 2 is:
OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE [OPERATIONAL]

Part 2 of LFASH Outline Business Case is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

1. The exact nature and capability of the MPS' CTSFOs together with the requirements of their training and how it is delivered, is highly sensitive information, which should not be available to the public and;
2. Availability of this information could compromise operational capability and is against the interests of national security (Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011).
3. The estimated costs of the construction are commercially sensitive. Publication of these costs could compromise fair and transparent tender process (Commercial Interest Section 43 of the DPA).

The decision to publish this paper should be reviewed in 12 months' and assessed against the criteria outlined above (against the interests of national security) prior to reaching a publication decision.