

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – DMPCD 2015 115

Title: Award of a £1,250,000 grant to Safer London Foundation for the Pan-London Gang Exit and Resettlement Programme.

Executive Summary:

Following an open and competitive tender process, a consortium led by Safer London Foundation was selected to deliver the Pan-London Gang Exit and Resettlement Programme for a value of £1,250,000.

Recommendation:

That the DMPC approve:

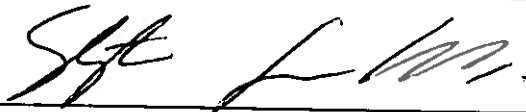
- (a) The award of a grant of £1,250,000 to a consortia lead by Safer London Foundation to deliver the Pan-London Gang Exit and Resettlement Programme.
- (b) Grant funding of £1,000,000 with the balance of £250,000 to be provided by MTCnovo

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

1/10/2015

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. As part of the consultation process for the development of the *Strategic Ambitions for London: Gangs and Serious Youth Violence*¹, a number of boroughs and delivery organisations highlighted that the existing gang exit models operating across London could be improved. One of the Strategic Ambitions within the document was to create 'A collaborative pan-London gang exit service will be created'.
- 1.2. On the 8 April the Deputy Mayor agreed to allocate unspent London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) to be utilised to support crime prevention initiative that meet shared priorities at a local and regional level (see decision DMPCD 2015 016). It was agreed to provide funding to commission a Pan-London Gang Exit and Resettlement Programme as set out in MOPAC's *Strategic Ambitions for London: Gangs and Serious Youth Violence* and as agreed by regional and local partners.
- 1.3. MOPAC is co-commissioning this service with the London Community Rehabilitation Company operated by MTCnovo, (herein after referred to as CRC).
- 1.4. Following an open and competitive grant process we have selected a preferred provider and it is recommended that we award a grant of £1,250,000 to Safer London Foundation to deliver London's first Pan-London Gang Exit Programme to help young Londoners to exit the gang, both those who are gang nominals and those who are exploited by them. It is proposed that MOPAC will provide grant funding of £1,000,000 and the CRC are providing the balance of £250,000. CRC will in addition provide in-kind support to the value of £250,000. By using gang exit as a measure of success, the outcomes achieved will go beyond reducing violent crime. Outcomes will include increased job prospects, stable housing, better mental and physical health, while also achieving a greater reduction in crime and victimisation for London.
- 1.5. One of the key ambitions of this programme will be to provide a consistent and effective service across London. It will achieve this by balancing the needs of the borough, the existing provision within the borough, against maximising the benefits for the cohort and the public.

2. Commissioning Process

- 2.1. A collaborative commissioning approach has been taken from the beginning of this programme, this involved working closely with London boroughs and regional partners. Work included two stakeholder engagement events for perspective bidders (held on the 25 March and 4 June 2015) and a borough stakeholder event (held on the 15 Dec 2014). Documents are posted on MOPAC's website to allow for an open and transparent commissioning process. This work has ensured the programme works for our partners and makes London a safer place for residents.

¹ The *Strategic Ambitions* were informed by an extensive consultation, data analysis and literature review. Over 320 organisations and individuals contributed to the consultation that was undertaken throughout February – March 2014.

- 2.2. A competitive commissioning process to award the grant was taken, and it is recommended that a conditional grant be awarded.
- 2.3. MOPAC received five competitive bids which a panel of multiagency experts, including representatives of the Youth Justice Board, Local Authority, NHS England, the CRC and MOPAC, were responsible for selecting the best overall bid.
- 2.4. These bids were initially assessed against mandatory essential criteria, which all bids met.
- 2.5. The bids were then scored against a single set of quality criteria. These scores were then moderated, weighted and totalled. The overall criteria and weightings are set out below.

Ref	Criteria	Weighting
1	Effective Implementation	20%
2	Delivery Model	20%
3	Quality Assurance	20%
4	Experience and Expertise	20%
5	Value for Money	20%
Total		100%

- 2.6. The consortia led by Safer London Foundation and comprises of Redthread, Only Connect, as well as two subcontracted organisations (TSIP and MAC UK) were selected as the best bid as they scored the highest score overall, provided the best outcomes for London and offered value for money.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The total cost of the grant is £1.25M, of which MOPAC will provide £1M from the Pan London Gang Exit and Resettlement Programme budget with the balance of £250,000 being met from CRCThe CRC have fully signed off their financial contribution.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. Section 143 (1) (b) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides an express power for MOPAC, as a local policing body, to provide or commission services "intended by the local policing body to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour." Section 143(3) allows MOPAC to make grants in connection with such arrangements and any grant may be made subject to any conditions that MOPAC thinks appropriate.
- 4.2. The powers in section 143 were given to MOPAC following the Government's response to the consultation *Getting it Right for Victims and Witnesses* (2 July 2012) in which it set out a package of reforms to the way in which support services for victim of crime are to be provided. Section 143 creates a statutory basis for the proposals set out in this decision form, namely to award grant funding as set out above for the provision of victim-support related services.
- 4.3. Under MOPAC's Scheme of Delegation, approval of the strategy for the award of individual grants and the award of all individual grants (for crime reduction or other purposes) is a matter generally reserved to the DMPC (paragraph 4.8). The release of funding in accordance with the proposals set out in this decision form can accordingly to be approved by DMPC. The delegation of responsibility

for the finalisation of planning and contractual/grant arrangements, including relevant terms and the signing of agreements, to the Chief Operating Officer is in accordance with the general power of delegation in paragraph 1.7

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. As part of the Strategic Ambitions document an Equality Impact Assessment was completed and found that young people, particularly Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) young people, are disproportionately affected both as victims and perpetrators of gang violence.
- 5.2. As part of the essential criteria all bidders needed to demonstrate a commitment to equal opportunities and understanding of equality issues. All providers and services must be compliant with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC (and its providers and services) to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. Equal opportunities policies needed to be provided before the bid could progress to the evaluation panel. If policies were not available the bid would not be considered any further.
- 5.3. Research shows that the vast majority of gang nominals are male, but those exploited by gangs are more likely to be female. This programme of work will provide services to both male and females, recognising that there is likely to be greater demand in different areas.

6. Background/supporting papers

- 6.1. Decision paper 'London Crime Prevention Fund – Final Allocation 2015/16'
<https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/DMPD%202015%2016%20London%20Crime%20Prevention%20Fund.pdf>
- 6.2. <https://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-crime/our-work/pan-london-gangs-exit-and-resettlement-service>

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.

Is the publication of **this** form to be deferred? YES

If yes, for what reason: Publication to be deferred to coincide with the official launch of the service.

Until what date (if known): TBC

Is there a **part 2** form –Yes

If yes, for what reason: Final scores for all bids received.

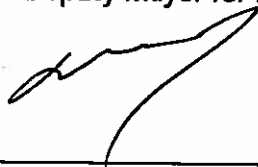
ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Director of IOM: Marie Snelling has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal Advice: The TfL legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
Financial Advice: The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL**Chief Operating 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



Date 01/10/15.

