

DMPC Decision – PCD 768**Title: Ministry of Justice funding for services to victims of crime****Executive Summary:**

MOPAC receives an annual grant from the Ministry of Justice for the local commissioning of victim and witness support services in London. This decision seeks approval to accept the grant funding for 2020/21 and sign the grant agreement. The funding available for 2020/21 is £11,998,568.

Recommendation:

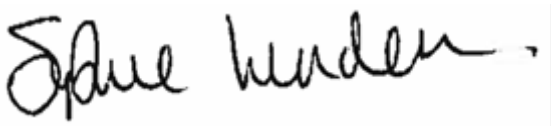
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Accept the £11,998,568 grant funding from the Ministry of Justice for victim services for 2020/21.
2. Delegate authority to the MOPAC Chief Finance Officer to sign the necessary grant agreement and monitoring returns for this funding.

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** 3/8/20

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. Since 2014, responsibility for regional commissioning of victim services was devolved to Police and Crime Commissioners. The funding to enable this comes from the Ministry of Justice's Victims Fund and Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Fund.
- 1.2. This funding is used to pay for core victims services including: the London Victim and Witness Service; Sexual Assault Referral Centre; Children's and Young People's Service; Empower Young People's Advocates; and Rape Crisis Centres.
- 1.3. For 2020/21, the contribution for the Ministry of Justice was £11,998,568.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. MOPAC is required to sign an annual grant agreement to accept this funding which set out the conditions by which this funding is to be spent (including a ring-fenced amount for CSA services) and the reporting requirements. The grant does not require match funding from MOPAC. MOPAC incorporates those requirements in the grant and contractual agreements for services that are funded from this source.
- 2.2. The devolved funding for the pre-trial witness support service is incorporated into this grant. Any further devolution arrangements for victim services would be incorporated into this grant agreement following the necessary approvals.
- 2.3. The reporting requirements for this funding include the submission of mid-year and end of year performance returns as well signing a statement confirming compliance with the minimum standards.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. This decision provides authority to receive £11,998,568 in grant funding from the Ministry of Justice, in accordance with the grant conditions set out by the Ministry of Justice. This amount will form part of the approved 2020/21 budget for MOPAC's Criminal Justice Commissioning service.
- 3.2. The grant agreement does not require match funding from MOPAC.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has delegated authority to approve all offers of grant funding.
- 4.2. Paragraph 4.6 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides the DMPC authority to delegate those functions which have reserved for the DMPC.
- 4.3. These recommendations are in line with the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. All grants and contracts which utilise this funding will incorporate the relevant terms from the grant agreement between MOPAC and the Ministry of Justice to ensure compliance.

6. Public Health Approach

- 6.1. The VRU will be consulted on services commissioned using this funding to ensure alignment with VRU activity and wider public health approach to tackling violence in London.

7. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 7.1. MOPAC will adhere to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018 and ensure that any organisations who are commissioned to do work with or on behalf of MOPAC are fully compliant with the policy and understand their GDPR responsibilities.

8. Equality Comments

- 8.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC 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. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2. MOPAC will ensure Equalities considerations form part of all work commissioned with this funding.

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 (✓)

Financial Advice:

The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.

✓

Legal Advice:

Legal advice is not required.

✓

Equalities Advice:

Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.

✓

Public Health Approach

Due diligence has been given to determine whether the programme sits within the Violence Reduction Unit's public approach to reducing violence. This has been reviewed and supported by a senior manager within the VRU.

✓

Commercial Issues

The Contract Management Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report. The proposal is in keeping with the GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

- GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.
- A DPIA is not required.

✓

Director/Head of Service:

The Head of Policy and Commissioning has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

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



Date 29/7/20