

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – DMPCD 2015 151

Title: Approval of London Digital Security Centre grant agreement

Executive Summary:

The Mayor's Business Crime Strategy identified the lack of take up of protective security and prevention advice especially by small and medium-sized businesses. In response to this, MOPAC established the London Digital Security Centre (LDSC), an independent not for profit business limited by guarantee. The LDSC provides advice and training to small and medium-sized businesses so that they can protect themselves against cyber risks and threats. The budget for business crime (including funding for the LDSC) was approved in DMPC decision DMPCD 2015 58. This decision relates to signing of the grant agreement with the LDSC.

Recommendation:

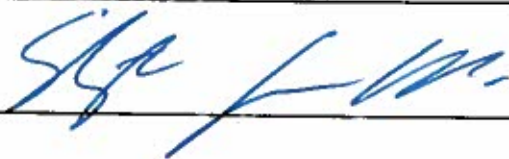
DMPC is invited to sign the grant agreement on behalf of MOPAC and authorise the schedule of payments contained therein.

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

10/12/2015

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. This grant agreement provides the London Digital Security Centre (LDSC) with funds over the period to March 2017. These funds are limited to a maximum total of £327,900 and payments will be adjusted for any costs incurred by or settled by MOPAC during the grant period.
- 1.2. Unusually, **DMPC is being asked to sign the agreement on behalf of MOPAC** because the COO occupies a position of the board of the LDSC and to avoid any potential conflicts of interest.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The creation of the LDSC is a principal objective of the Mayor's Business Crime strategy

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The total budget available for 2015/16 – 2016/17 will be £327,900. Of which £145,297 relates to costs that MOPAC will meet directly and the remaining balance of £182,603 will be paid in the form of a grant as set out in the grant agreement. An analysis of the funds being made available in the grant is at page 20 of the grant agreement (the grant agreement is at Appendix A). At the end of the grant period it is intention that the LDSC will be self funding.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The grant agreement contains standard MOPAC terms and conditions

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. The LDSC is a company limited by guarantee but will be part-funded by MOPAC until March 2017
- 5.2. The LDSC board has approved an ethical standards framework which meets with MOPAC's approval

6. Background/supporting papers

- 6.1. Grant agreement – **for DMPC's signature** (see Appendix A)

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Is the publication of **this** form to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date (if known):

Is there a **part 2** form – YES

If yes, for what reason: Commercial Confidentiality

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

		<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Head of Unit: Dan Hales has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.		✓
Legal Advice: Legal advice is not required.		✓
Financial Advice: The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has been consulted on this proposal.		✓
Equalities Advice: The Workforce Development Officer has been consulted on the equalities and diversity issues within this report.		✓

