

DMPC Decision – PCD 729**Title: Special Police Services Agreement with Stratford Village Development Partnership****Executive Summary:**

The decision seeks approval for the provision of policing services to Stratford Village Development Partnership.

The role of the funded police officers is to provide SPS to SVDP with a focus on visible patrols to combat crime and anti-social behaviour and partnership activity in the East Village of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park managed by SVDP.

The total cost of the dedicated police team of one sergeant and six constables totals £530,000 per year. The SPS agreement is for a period of one year commencing 1 April 2020.

Recommendation:

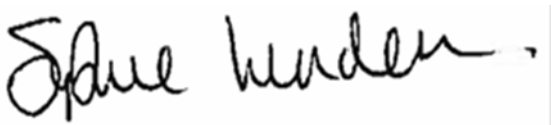
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is requested to:

- a) Approve the request from Stratford Village Development Partnership (SVDP) to vary the current Special Police Services (SPS) Agreement to increase the number of funded officers;
- b) Approve the request to extend the SPS Agreement with SVDP for a further 12 months from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

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** 30/3/20

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. East Village is a large-scale residential development located at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park (QEOP) which, once complete will comprise of 4,818 homes. There are also commercial outlets and a primary school.
- 1.2. There is an existing SPS Agreement with SVDP under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. The Agreement is for 12 months from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 for a dedicated police team of 0.5 of a sergeant (£42,838) and 4 constables (£284,917) and equipment costs of £3,781, a total of £327,754.
- 1.3. There is provision in the SPS Agreement for SVDP to formally request to extend the SPS Agreement for further subsequent 12-month periods. SVDP have requested SPS for a term of 12 months from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021. This includes accommodation space for the police team.
- 1.4. SVDP have formally requested a variation in writing to the current SPS Agreement to increase the number of officers performing SPS to one sergeant (£85,675) and six constables (£427,375) and equipment costs of £5,881 for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, a total of £518,931. This has been as a result of the cessation of an SPS Agreement between MOPAC and the International Quarter Estate Management Company Limited (International Quarter) for special police services also within the vicinity of the QEOP at the end of March 2019. The resources from the SPS Agreement with International Quarter of 0.5 of a sergeant and 2 constables have been reassigned to SVDP who agreed to pay for the cost of the additional police officers from 1 April 2019.
- 1.5. It has been necessary for SVDP to have the formal approval of its Executive Board with regard to the increase in funding before it was able to formally request in writing to vary the existing SPS Agreement with MOPAC.
- 1.6. The MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides that the level of increase in the cost of the SPS is such that the letter of variation will require the approval of the DMPC.
- 1.7. In respect of the 12 month extension to the SPS Agreement, the total cost of a dedicated police team of 1 sergeant at £88,318 per year, six constables totalling £435,126 per year and equipment costs of £5,881, is estimated to be £529,325, subject to the approval of the DMPC to the request to vary the current SPS Agreement and increase the number of officers on the dedicated team as outlined above.
- 1.8. The role of the funded police officers is to provide SPS to SVDP with a focus on visible patrols to combat crime and anti-social behaviour and partnership activity in the East Village of the QEOP managed by SVDP. It should be noted that the geographical area where the SPS is provided is land owned, leased or under the control of SVDP who also have their own security personnel deployed to the area in recognition of the responsibility for this location.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The objectives of the police team include:
 - to reduce the level of crime

- to reduce the level of disorder;
- to increase the feeling of safety among those who live, work and visit the East Village.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The charge for SPS to SVDP for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 is reflective of the full cost recovery of 1 sergeant at £85,675 and six constables at £72,251 per constable. The total cost of 1 sergeant and six constables for each successive year of the SPS Agreement would be adjusted to ensure it continues to represent full cost recovery.
- 3.2. The benefit to the MPS of the provision of the funded officers at SVDP is, in liaison with the core police officers who go to make up the full police team, an ability to work with SVDP's own security team in ensuring the residents of East Village are reassured and safe in their own home and make the location a far more difficult area for criminals to operate. The presence of the funded officers within the police team will reduce the level of emergency calls that North East BCU would have to respond and thereby ensure resources are not diverted from the policing of the remainder of the Borough.
- 3.3. In the event that the SPS Agreement was not renewed by SVDP, as these posts are additional posts above the workforce target for North East-CU, the posts would be removed and the officers filling these positions would be redeployed.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. There are no direct legal issues identified from the recommendations set out in this report.
- 4.2. The MPS may provide policing resources to SVDP under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. Under that Act the Commissioner may, at the request of any person, provide SPS in accordance with legislation and current case law, subject to payment to MOPAC on charges on such scale and on such terms as it may determine. The SPS to be provided to SVDP complies with the requirements under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996.
- 4.3. The final decision rests with the DMPC as Section 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation requires the DMPC to approve the provision of policing services to external bodies where the contract value is £500,000 or above.

5. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 5.1. The MPS is subject to the requirements and conditions placed on it as a 'State' body to comply with the European Convention of Human Rights and the Data Protection Act (DPA) 2018. Both legislative requirements place an obligation on the MPS to process personal data fairly and lawfully in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals.
- 5.2. Under Article 35 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Section 57 of the DPA 2018, Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) become mandatory for organisations with technologies and processes that are likely to result in a high risk to the rights of the data subjects.

- 5.3. The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the programme meets its compliance requirements.
- 5.4. The programme does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

6. Equality Comments

- 6.1. This business case has undergone initial equality screening. Due regard has been taken to the Equality Act's Public Sector Equality Duty under Sec 149 of the Equality Act 2010. Real consideration has been taken to assess equality impact caused by the proposed business change including effective engagement and analysing relevant equality information. As a result no negative impact has been identified to any individual and/or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic and to those who are not.
- 6.2. SVDP, through its involvement, with the East End London Community Foundation, is keen to build a strong sense of community across the whole of the development. It also works with local groups and projects that have a tangible, positive impact on the community and through its 'Inspiring Communities Fund' provides grants to support them.

7. Background/supporting papers

- 7.1. The MPS 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: N/A

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

The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.

✓

Equalities Advice:

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

✓

Commercial Issues

The Contract Management Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

- GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report

✓

Director/Head of Service

The CFO has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.

✓

Interim 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 27/03/20



MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Special Police Services Agreement with Stratford Village Development Partnership

MOPAC Investment Advisory Board 28 February 2020

Report by Assistant Commissioner Front Line and the Chief of Corporate Services on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner

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

There is currently a Special Police Services (SPS) Agreement with Stratford Village Development Partnership (SVDP) pursuant to Section 25 of the Police Act 1996 for a term of 12 months from 1 April 2019, which provides for a dedicated police team of 0.5 of a sergeant and four constables.

SVDP now wish to:

- (i) increase the number of police officers in the existing SPS Agreement to a total of one sergeant and six constables;
- (ii) extend the SPS Agreement on the same terms for a further 12 months in order for SPS to be provided until 31 March 2021.

Section 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent requires the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) to approve the provision of policing services to external bodies where the contract value is £500,000 or above. Due to the increase in additional resources for the existing SPS Agreement and the cost of the extension to the SPS Agreement, the cumulative value of both the existing SPS Agreement and the agreement for the extended term exceeds £500,000. The ability, within the contract to seek successive annual extensions of the Agreement after year one is viewed as warranting the approval of the DMPC.

Recommendations that:

- 1. the DMPC approves the request from SVDP to vary the current SPS Agreement to increase the number of funded officers;**
- 2. the DMPC approves the request to extend the SPS Agreement with SVDP for a further 12 months from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.**

Time sensitivity

A decision is required by 27 March 2020. This is because the start date of the SPS Agreement with SVDP is the 1 April 2020.

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

Introduction and background

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2. There is an existing SPS Agreement with SVDP under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. The Agreement is for 12 months from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 for a dedicated police team of 0.5 of a sergeant (£42,838) and 4 constables (£284,917) and equipment costs of £3,781, a total of £327,754. This includes accommodation space for the police team.
3. There is provision in the SPS Agreement for SVDP to formally request to extend the SPS Agreement for further subsequent 12-month periods. SVDP have requested SPS for a term of 12 months from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.
4. SVDP have formally requested a variation in writing to the current SPS Agreement to increase the number of officers performing SPS to one sergeant (£85,675) and six constables (£427,375) and equipment costs of £5,881 for the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, a total of £518,931. This has been as a result of the cessation of an SPS Agreement between MOPAC and the International Quarter Estate Management Company Limited (International Quarter) for special police services also within the vicinity of the QEOP at the end of March 2019. The resources from the SPS Agreement with International Quarter of 0.5 of a sergeant and 2 constables have been reassigned to SVDP who agreed to pay for the cost of the additional police staff from 1 April 2019.
5. It has been necessary for SVDP to have the formal approval of its Executive Board with regard to the increase in funding before it was able to formally request in writing to vary the existing SPS Agreement with MOPAC and this has taken a significant period of time to have the necessary approval given hence the delay in bringing the variation to the attention of the DMPC for their approval.
6. The MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides that the level of increase in the cost of the SPS is such that the letter of variation will require the approval of the DMPC.
7. In respect of the 12 month extension to the SPS Agreement, the total cost of a dedicated police team of 1 sergeant at £88,318 per year, six constables totalling £435,126 per year and equipment costs of £5,881, is estimated to be £529,325, subject to the approval of the DMPC to the request to vary the current SPS Agreement and increase the number of officers on the dedicated team as outlined in paragraph 3 above.
8. The role of the funded police officers is to provide SPS to SVDP with a focus on visible patrols to combat crime and anti-social behaviour and partnership activity

in the East Village of the QEOP managed by SVDP, which is a residential district which had been the site of the Olympic Village during the Olympic Games in London. It should be noted that the geographical area where the SPS is provided is land owned, leased or under the control of SVDP who also have their own security personnel deployed to the area in recognition of the responsibility for this location.

9. The objectives of the police team include:
- i. to reduce the level of crime;
 - ii. to reduce the level of disorder;
 - iii. to increase the feelings of safety among those who live, work and visit the East Village.

Issues for consideration

10. There are no issues of consideration upon which the DMPC needs to be informed.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021

11. The SPS Agreement with SVDP provides funded officers who have a key focus in combatting anti-social behaviour in the East Village in the QEOP which the consultation undertaken for the Police and Crime Plan views as an important local policing priority.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

12. The charge for SPS to SVDP for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 is reflective of the full cost recovery of 1 sergeant at £85,675 and six constables at £72,251 per constable. The total cost of 1 sergeant and six constables for each successive year of the SPS Agreement would be adjusted to ensure it continues to represent full cost recovery.
13. The benefit to the MPS of the provision of the funded officers at SVDP is, in liaison with the core police officers who go to make up the full police team, an ability to work with SVDP's own security team in ensuring the residents of East Village are reassured and safe in their own home and make the location a far more difficult area for criminals to operate. The presence of the funded officers within the police team will reduce the level of emergency calls that North East BCU would have to respond and thereby ensure resources are not diverted from the policing of the remainder of the Borough.
14. In the event that the SPS Agreement was not renewed by SVDP, as these posts are additional posts above the workforce target for North East-CU, the posts would be removed and the officers filling these positions would be redeployed.

Legal Comments

15. There are no direct legal issues identified from the recommendations set out in this report.
16. The MPS may provide policing resources to SVDP under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996. Under that Act the Commissioner may, at the request of any person, provide SPS in accordance with legislation and current case law, subject to payment to MOPAC on charges on such scale and on such terms as it may determine. The SPS to be provided to SVDP complies with the requirements under Section 25 of the Police Act 1996.
17. The final decision rest with the DMPC as Section 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation requires the DMPC to approve the provision of policing services to external bodies where the contract value is £500,000 or above.

Equality Comments

18. SVDP, through its involvement, with the East End London Community Foundation, is keen to build a strong sense of community across the whole of the development. It also works with local groups and projects that have a tangible, positive impact on the community and through its 'Inspiring Communities Fund' provides grants to support them.
19. There are no aspects from the above approach which would cause MOPAC any cause for concern in agreeing to provide the SPS that SVDP has requested.

Privacy Comments

20. There are no privacy issues identified with this proposal.
21. The SPS Agreement does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

Real Estate Implications

22. SVDP have provided a facility within the SPS area to house the police team, including the funded officers. This will provide SVDP with the optimum service and ensure that the officers do not have to travel to remote locations to deal with domestic aspects such as booking on/off and to undertake investigations. It also provides a base where the residents and visitors to East Village can attend to liaise with the officers as appropriate. This facility is to be provided at no cost to MOPAC.

Environmental Implications

23. There are no environmental implications identified with this proposal.

Background/supporting papers

None

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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.

There are no matters in this report which are not suitable for MOPAC publication.