

DMPC Decision – PCD 530**Title: Conflict Management Dogs****Executive Summary:**

Following the successful completion of the Conflict Management Dogs (CMD) pilot in 2018, this requests approval to progress to delivery of the CMD project.

The MPS has an obligation to ensure that all steps are taken to minimise the need for officers to resort to potentially lethal force. This obligation is particularly relevant in the context of armed policing.

Conflict management dogs are trained to provide additional tactical options for Specialist Firearms Officers, particularly when dealing with violent subjects in armed operations, including counter-terrorism operations.

The deployment and use of a CMD is a less lethal option which is likely to reduce the need to resort to other force, including the use of firearms by police officers. The use of CMDs may significantly reduce the risk to police officers and the public.

CMDs are already in use in the MPS. This proposal is to expand the capacity that the MPS already has in order to maximise the availability of this tactic as a less-lethal option.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

- Approve the MPS Conflict Management Dogs capability to increase;
- Note that the MPS will now proceed to delivery and go live (Stage Gate 4).
- Approve capital spend of £1.117m in 2019/20, and revenue spend of £0.053m for the delivery of the project, to be funded from project revenue budgets.

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**

20/02/2019

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. Conflict management dogs are trained to provide additional tactical options for Specialist Firearms Officers, particularly when dealing with violent subjects in armed operations, including counter-terrorism operations.
- 1.2. CMDs are already in use in the MPS. This proposal is to expand the capacity that the MPS already has in order to maximise the availability of this tactic as a less-lethal option.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The deployment and use of a CMD is a less lethal option which is likely to reduce the need to resort to other force, including the use of firearms by police officers. The use of CMDs may significantly reduce the risk to police officers and the public.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. This proposal costs £1.117m in capital spend, and £0.053m in revenue costs for the delivery of the project.
- 3.2. The ongoing revenue budget requirement will be £0.138m in 2019/20 and £0.238m in 2020/21 onwards. This will be managed from within existing budgets.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. As per Clause 4.8 of the Scheme of Delegation and Consent, approval is delegated to the DMPC to approve business cases for revenue and capital expenditure of £500,000 and above.

5. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 5.1. The project 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. There are no negative equality or diversity implications arising from this project

7. Background/supporting papers

- 7.1. 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

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.	✓
Commercial Issues n/a	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy <ul style="list-style-type: none">A DPIA is not required at this stage, but will be completed where required for constituent elements of the programme as it develops.	✓
Director/Head of Service: The Chief Finance Officer has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓

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


on delegated approval

Date

14/2/2019



MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Conflict Management Dogs

MOPAC Investment Advisory Board 24th January 2019

Report by Ch. Supt. Andy Walker 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

Following the successful completion of the Conflict Management Dogs (CMD) pilot in 2018, this outline business case requests approval to progress to delivery (removing Stage Gate 3) of the CMD project.

Recommendations

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

- 1. Agree the minimal viable option, approving the MPS Conflict Management Dogs capability to increase;**
- 2. Approve this project to not return to PIB & IAB, removing Stage Gate 3 and to proceed to delivery and go live (Stage Gate 4).**
- 3. Approve capital spend of £1.117m in 2019/20, and revenue spend of £0.053m for the delivery of the project, to be funded from project revenue budgets.**

There are additional decisions requested which have been removed due to operational confidentiality.

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 24th February 2019.

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

Introduction and background

The MPS is constantly reviewing the way that officers are trained and equipped in order to keep London safe. The MPS has a long and proven history of using police dogs in order to prevent and detect crime.

The MPS has an obligation to ensure that all steps are taken to minimise the need for officers to resort to potentially lethal force. This obligation is particularly relevant in the context of armed policing.

Conflict management dogs are trained to provide additional tactical options for Specialist Firearms Officers, particularly when dealing with violent subjects in armed operations, including counter-terrorism operations.

The deployment and use of a CMD is a less lethal option which is likely to reduce the need to resort to other force, including the use of firearms by police officers. The use of CMDs may significantly reduce the risk to police officers and the public.

CMDs are already in use in the MPS. This proposal is to expand the capacity that the MPS already has in order to maximise the availability of this tactic as a less-lethal option.

Issues for consideration

Further information is contained in the restricted section of the report.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021¹

The deployment of CMDs has a significant impact on making London safer for everyone, in accordance with the MOPAC plan.

This is achieved by:

- Reduction in operational risk through improved safety of officers and the public.
- Improve the effectiveness of our response to the most serious crime.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

This proposal costs £1.117m in capital spend, and £0.053m in revenue costs for the delivery of the project.

The ongoing revenue budget requirement will be £0.138m in 2019/20 and £0.238m in 2020/21 onwards. This will be managed from within existing budgets.

Legal Comments

As per Clause 4.8 of the Scheme of Delegation and Consent, approval is delegated to the DMPC to approve business cases for revenue and capital expenditure of £500,000 and above.

Equality Comments

There is no impact on diversity or inclusion.

¹ [Police and crime plan: a safer city for all Londoners | London City Hall](#)

Privacy Comments

The project does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

Real Estate Implications

This information is contained in the restricted section of the report.

Environmental Implications

Environmental comments have been sought and there are no environmental implications expected.

Background/supporting papers

None attached

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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 Conflict Management Dogs is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

1. The exact nature and capability of the MPS CTSFOs together with the requirements of their operational capability 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).

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.