# MAYOR OF LONDON OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

**DMPC Decision - PCD 517** 

**Title: Crimestoppers Trust Fund** 

# **Executive Summary:**

Crimestoppers Trust provides a 24 hour anonymous service for the public as a means for them to report crime. This service is funded on a pro rata basis by all Police Forces in the country. This is a request to approve a 3 year funding agreement for the services provided by the Crimestoppers Bureau for the MPS. The funding being sought covers the financial years 2019 - 2022 and the amount being requested is £398,915.00 p.a.

#### **Recommendation:**

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

• Approve a fixed contract award of £398,915.00 p.a. covering the 3 year period 2019 – 2022 to Crimestoppers Trust.

# **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

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Date 21/01/2019

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

# 1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. On a pro-rata basis, agreed in accordance with a Crimestoppers/ACPO SLA signed in 2005/06, the MPS pay 18.7% of the £2.1m National police contributions to Crimestoppers and receive 24% of all information. The £2.1m raised from the 43 National Police Forces via the 2005/6 ACPO agreement, covers the operating costs of the Crimestoppers Bureau (24/7 call handling receipt, evaluation and dissemination of anonymous information).
- 1.2. In FY 2017/18 noting that PCC funding had remained flat for the previous 5 years, Crimestoppers reached the point where a small (7%) increase was necessary in order to maintain service delivery.
- 1.3. Crimestoppers are proposing a three (3) year agreement, which would be a flat cash settlement of £399k p.a. This will also represent protection against increased operating costs, which Crimestoppers estimate to be in region of 3 to 4% increases annually.

#### 2. Issues for consideration

2.1. The proposed agreement to pay £399k p.a. is separate from an agreement for MOPAC to part-fund a Regional Manager post in Crimestoppers at a cost of £40k p.a. (decision PCD 387). This post provides the benefit of working with the police to develop activities and campaigns around priority crime areas that are central to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, such as serious youth violence.

#### 3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. This is a fixed funding agreement which is sought to cover 2019-2022.
- 3.2. The fixed rate per annum which is being requested is £398,915.00. This represents a 7% increase over the previous contributions which had been in place since 2015/16.

# 4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is a contracting authority as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the Regulations). All awards of public contracts for goods and/or services valued at £181,302 or above must be procured in accordance with the Regulations.
- 4.2. Paragraph 4.13 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has delegated authority to approve all contract exemptions for £100,000 or above.

4.3. Full legal comments are contained within the Exempt section of this report.

# 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 Crimestoppers agreement meets its compliance requirements.
- 5.4. Crimestoppers anonymise anyone who uses their service either via telephony or online. 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. No implications identified. Any person can contact Crimestoppers using their Freephone number (there will be a charge for calls from mobiles which will be determined by the network provider) or via their free, online service. It is entirely down to an individual whether they chose to contact the Police or Crimestoppers. The free service provided by Crimestoppers is available to all communities, regardless of an individual's 'protected characteristics'. The service provided by Crimestoppers is easily accessible and widely advertised. Crimestoppers is a well-established charity and is supported by Police Forces around the country and the Home Office.

# 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:	
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 MPS Commercial Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report. The proposal is in keeping with the GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy.	<b>✓</b>
GDPR/Data Privacy	
GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.	<b>√</b> (
A DPIA is not required.	
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

R. Lawrence

Date 16/01/2019





# **Provision of Crimestoppers Trust Funding**

# **MOPAC Investment Advisory Board** 31/01/2019

# Report by Lindsey Chiswick on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner

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

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This concerns a request for a 3 year funding agreement for the services provided by the Crimestoppers Bureau for the MPS. The funding being sought covers the financial years 2019 – 2022 and the amount being requested is £398,915.00 p.a. The reason this request is being made to PIB and IAB is because the contract award is above £100,000.00.

#### Recommendations

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

1. Approve a fixed contract award of £398,915.00 p.a. covering the 3 year period 2019 – 2022 to Crimestoppers Trust.

#### Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 31/01/2019. This is because the current fixed funding agreement expires at the end of the financial year 2018/19. The new funding requirement will take effect from 1st April 2019.

Non-confidential facts and advice to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
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for them to report crime. This service is funded on a pro rata basis by all Police Forces
in the country.

# Introduction and background

 On a pro-rata basis, agreed in accordance with a Crimestoppers/ACPO SLA signed in 2005/06, the MPS pay 18.7% of the £2.1m National police contributions to Crimestoppers and receive 24% of all information. The £2.1m raised from the 43 National Police Forces via the 2005/6 ACPO agreement, covers the operating costs of the Crimestoppers Bureau (24/7 call handling - receipt, evaluation and dissemination of anonymous information). All other Crimestoppers services are funded by alternative means with no financial implications for any Police Force.

- 2. In FY 2017/18 noting that PCC funding had remained flat for the previous 5 years, Crimestoppers reached the point where a small (7%) increase was necessary in order to maintain service delivery.
- 3. Crimestoppers are proposing a three (3) year agreement, which would be a flat cash settlement of £399k p.a. This will also represent protection against increased operating costs, which Crimestoppers estimate to be in region of 3 to 4% increases annually.

#### Issues for consideration

Crimestoppers is the only organisation that provides a truly anonymous service for the public to provide information to the police and other agencies.

The proposed agreement to pay £399k p.a. is separate from an agreement for MOPAC to part-fund a Regional Manager post in Crimestoppers at a cost of £40k p.a. (decision PCD 387). This post provides the benefit of working with the police to develop activities and campaigns around priority crime areas that are central to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan, such as serious youth violence.

#### Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-20211

Information provided by Crimestoppers supports the key priorities detailed in the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 in relation to the Safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons, tackling violence and hate related crime.

#### Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

As an extension to an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to responsible procurement. This is a fixed funding agreement which is sought to cover 2019-2022, the fixed rate per anum which is being requested is £398,915.00.

# **Legal Comments**

- The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is a contracting authority as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the Regulations). All awards of public contracts for goods and/or services valued at £181,302 or above must be procured in accordance with the Regulations.
- 2. Paragraph 4.13 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has delegated authority to approve all contract exemptions for £100,000 or above.

# **Equality Comments**

Having reviewed the Equality Impact Assessment there does not appear to be any protected characteristics who are disadvantaged by this proposal. Any person can

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contact Crimestoppers using their Freephone number (there will be a charge for calls from mobiles which will be determined by the network provider) or via their free, online service. It is entirely down to an individual whether they chose to contact the Police or Crimestoppers. There is no negative internal impact upon the MPS. The positive impact being, that the free service provided by Crimestoppers is available to all communities, regardless of an individual's 'protected characteristics'. The service provided by Crimestoppers is easily accessible and widely advertised. Crimestoppers is a well-established charity and is supported by Police Forces around the country and the Home Office.

# **Privacy Comments**

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.

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.

The Information Assurance and Information Rights units within MPS will be consulted at all stages to ensure the Crimestoppers agreement meets its compliance requirements.

Crimestoppers anonymise anyone who uses their service either via telephony or online. 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**

There are no real estate implications in relation to this funding agreement for the MPS or MOPAC.

# **Environmental Implications**

There are no environmental implications in relation to this funding agreement for the MPS or MOPAC.

# **Background/supporting papers**

All information and relevant documentation is contained in Part 2 of the Business Case.

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# <u>Part 2 – This section refers to the details of the Part 2 business case which is NOT SUITABLE for MOPAC Publication.</u>

The Government Security Classification marking for Part 2 is: OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE [COMMERCIAL]

Part 2 of Business Justification – Provision of Crimestoppers Trust Funding is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

- Exempt under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 (Data Protection Section 43 Commercial Interests).
- The relevant sections under the FOIA that would exempt this information from disclosure, for example:
  - Data Protection Section 40, Commercial Interest Section 43
  - o Legal Professional Privilege Section 42

The paper will cease to be exempt until January 2025.