

DMPC Decision – PCD 649**Title: VRU - Team London Young People's Funding Extensions****Executive Summary:**

The Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) has a budget of £14.8 million which includes £7 million awarded by the Home Office for 2019/20.

The VRU has published a strategy and work programme with eight key objectives. In line with these objectives, a programme of spend has been developed. This Decision is focused on extending additional funding to Team London projects focused on increasing the resilience of vulnerable young people and developing their personal and employability skills.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

Agree funding of £450,000 between 2019/20-2021/22 to be allocated to The Challenge to support the HeadStart Action programme to extend the reach of this programme to an additional 180 young people.

Agree funding of £36,000 to fund a micro-grant programme for young people in Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provisions across London. This will be an extension of an existing programme delivered for Team London by the WE charity.

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**

23/10/2019

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. This decision outlines and requests Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime approval to release funding to extend two programmes currently run by Team London (GLA) which meet the aims of the VRU through their focus on giving young people every chance to succeed and offering young people the opportunity to lead change in their communities. There will be further decisions in the year as the spend plan continues to be finalised.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. In May 2019, the VRU Partnership Reference Group committed to setting up a Youth Action Group for the unit. Between June and September, the unit carried out a series of consultative workshops and planning activities with young people towards setting up the group.
- 2.2. Through consultation with young people it was decided that the VRU would host an open day for young people in the autumn, including offering an opportunity to fund small youth-led projects.
- 2.3. The open day will take place on October 28th and the VRU will partner with Team London Young Ambassadors (TLYA) to promote a micro-grant programme to be delivered between November 2019 and February 2020. This will be an extension of an existing programme.
- 2.4. In order to facilitate the micro-grant programme, the VRU will grant WE Charity (Team London's current partner for TLYA) additional funding of £36,000 to support a programme for young people in Pupil Referral Units and Alternative Provisions across London.
- 2.5. Further to this, the VRU will support an extension of the HeadStart Action programme which uses social action and employer encounters to engage and inspire young people, giving them the skills, experience and connections, they need to get ahead in the world of work.
- 2.6. HeadStart Action is a geographically and demographically focused personal and social development programme targeted at young people aged 14-18, who are at risk of becoming Not in Employment, Education or Training and require greater support to be in education, employment or training. The programme supports young people to gain employability skills, aid their personal development, and introduce them to social action.
- 2.7. HeadStart Action is currently commissioned by Team London and delivered by a charity called The Challenge. This decision requests a VRU grant of £450,000 to The Challenge to extend the reach of the programme to support an additional 180 young people bringing the total to 360. The programme will build capacity within twelve grassroots youth organisations to deliver the programme across London and into the future.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. Funding to The Challenge will be allocated as follows; £190,000 in 2019/20, £195,000 in 2020/21 and £65,000 in 2021/22. Funding to We Charity totals £36,000 in 2019/20.
- 3.2. This HeadStart Action programme requires extension into 2020/21 and 2021/22 to ensure the programme delivers impact and can be evaluated effectively. The financial implications of this will be dealt with through the 2020/21 budget process.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. MOPAC has powers under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (formerly under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011) to award grants to secure the reduction of crime and disorder in London.
- 4.2. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC's Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime with delegated power to approve bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. The approach for Phase 1 of the VRU total spend focuses primarily on awarding direct grants and enhancing contractual arrangements which support the public health approach to violence reduction. This enables delivery of activity in line with Home Office spend conditions, where spend and delivery of activity must take place by March 2020. The VRU is developing a commissioning framework which will underpin the commissioning of future provision.
- 5.2. This approach will also allow the VRU to begin effecting change at a rapid pace and further build the evidence base to enable continuous improvement of the VRU approach.

6. Public Health Approach

- 6.1. The spend plan takes a public health approach to tackling violence, which means looking at violence not as isolated incidents or solely a police enforcement problem. Instead, this approach looks at violence as a preventable consequence of a range of factors, such as adverse early-life experiences, or harmful social or community experiences and influences.

7. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 7.1. A full Data Protection Impact Assessment will be completed by all providers if required as part of the mobilisation for the services, to ensure that all delivery is fully compliant with the requirements of the GDPR.
- 7.2. All contracts and grant agreements will include clear provisions relating to compliance in this area, and in relation to the processing of personal data. These terms have been drafted following consultation with MOPAC's GDPR Project Manager.

8. Equality Comments

- 8.1. Under s149 of the Equality Act 2010 (the Equality Act), as a public authority the Deputy Mayor/MOPAC must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and any conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act; and to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. Protected characteristics under the Equality Act are age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, and marriage or civil partnership status (the duty in respect of this last characteristic is to eliminate unlawful discrimination only).
- 8.2. The Violence Reduction Unit has commissioned an Equality Impact Assessment which will be published in due course.

9. Background/supporting papers

- 10.1 Annex 1.

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 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.

✓

Commercial Issues

Commercial issues are not applicable.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

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

✓

Director/Head of Service

The Director of VRU 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

22/10/19

Annex 1: Part 1		2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000
Objectives	Proposal			
Giving young people every chance to succeed	<p>HeadStart Action programmes will support young people who are at greater risk of failing to make a successful transition from school (or alternative education setting) into employment or higher education, with a focus on young people aged 14-18. Due to the lower number of beneficiaries engaged per project, we are interested in supporting projects that target young people who are unlikely to engage with mainstream services, to include working with the most disadvantaged and vulnerable young people in our communities, for example:</p> <p>Young carers, Young people in the youth justice system (or at risk of being), Young homeless people (or at risk of being), Refugee and asylum-seeking young people, young people with learning disabilities, young people who would be the first in their family to go to university and young people from workless households.</p>	190	195	65
	<p>Team London Young Ambassadors pitch days offer a live opportunity for young people to engage in social action. The VRU Young People's microgrants will create a platform for up to 120 young people to take action in their communities with the support of teachers and mentors.</p>	36		
		226	195	65

