

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 371

Title: Falcon funding bid for Regional and Force Level Cyber Response

Executive Summary:

This report seeks permission for the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to bid to the Home Office for continued funding to support the Cyber Crime response across Pursue, Prevent, Protect, and Prepare (4P's). The bid will cover 2018/19 and summary bids for 2019/20 and 2020/21:

Summary of bids

2018/19	£3,240,580
2019/20	£3,059,618
2020/21	£2,810,156

Total bid £9,110,354

This bid enhances the current MPS force cyber capability whilst enabling it to keep pace with technological changes and fund the London regional response for cyber crime.

Recommendation:

The DMPC is asked to;

- Approve a bid from MPS to Home Office of £3,240,580 to support SCO7 Falcon Cyber Crime response covering Pursue Prevent, Protect and Prepare 2018/19
- Approve a bid from MPS to Home Office of £3,059,618 to provide continued funding to support SCO7 Falcon Cyber Crime response covering Pursue Prevent, Protect and Prepare 2019/20
- Approve a bid from MPS to Home Office of £2,810,516 to provide continued funding to support SCO7 Falcon Cyber Crime response covering Pursue Prevent, Protect and Prepare 2019/20

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

Edna Hender

Date 16/04/18

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. Falcon is the MPS response to cyber dependant and enabled acquisitive crime by providing a holistic 4P approach to fraud and cyber crimes. Within Falcon, the cybercrime unit (CCU) responds to both all force level cyber dependant crime as well as regional level crimes for London which are tasked through the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB).
- 1.2. There was an exponential increase last year of criminal use of crypto currencies reflecting a current gap in the broader policing context. A crypto currency strategy, toolkit and training will assist policing nationally, provide guidance and development will also provide data to influence legislation and sentencing.
- 1.3. Falcon's Prevent Protect Prepare receives funding for staff, equipment and training to enhance the response in relation to cybercrime. The aim of the team is to empower the public and businesses to protect themselves from cybercrime increasing their knowledge and capability. The team will also focus on preventing those in danger of becoming cyber criminals through a series of interventions and thus moving forward reducing the need for pursue.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The bid proposal includes plans to;
 - Continuation of an effective response for London (incorporating the City of London Police), targeting organised crime groups affecting London both locally and nationally.
 - 2-year funding for ISO17025 accreditation
 - Building intelligence capability to support cyber investigations.
 - Developing a crypto currency operational strategy and tool kit to be shared nationally with other forces.
 - Development of or access to training in relation to crypto currencies.
 - Roll out of the MPS Cyber Application ('app') for frontline officers nationally

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1 The total bid request from Home Office over the three years is £9,110,354.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. This report seeks MOPAC's approval to be bid for grant funding of £9,110,354. Para 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation provides the DMPC with delegated power to approve any bid for grant funding.
- 4.2. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. There are no direct equality or diversity implications arising from this report.

6. Background/supporting papers

- 6.1. Report.

Public access to information

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the MOPAC website within 1 working day of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

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 rational for non-publication.

Is there a **part 2** form – Yes

If yes, for what reason: EXEMPT under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011.

This is exempt from disclosure under the

- FOIA from S23(5) Information supplied by security bodies,
- S40 Data Protection/personal Information,
- S43 Commercial Interest,
- S41 Information provided in confidence and
- S44 Information covered by prohibitions on disclosure.

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

Head of Unit: The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal Advice: The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
Financial Advice: The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: No Equality and Diversity issues identified.	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL

Approved
Chief Executive Officer *the delegated authority*

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

04/04/18



MOPAC

MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

Falcon funding bid for Regional and Force Level Cyber Response.
MOPAC Investment Advisory Board March 2018

Report by Ceri Griffiths 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

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- I. *Continuing an effective response for London (incorporating the City of London Police), targeting organised crime groups affecting London both locally and nationally.*
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Recommendations

The MPS Portfolio & Investment Board (PIB) is asked to:

1. Support a bid from the Metropolitan Police Service to the Home Office of £3,240,580 to support the SCO7 Falcon Cyber Crime response covering Pursue, Prevent, Protect, and Prepare (4 P's) 2018/19
2. Support a bid from the Metropolitan Police Service to the Home Office of £3,059,618 providing continued funding to support the SCO7 Falcon Cyber Crime response covering Pursue, Prevent, Protect, and Prepare (4 P's) 2019/20
3. Support a bid from the Metropolitan Police Service to the Home Office of £2,810,156 providing continued funding to support the SCO7 Falcon Cyber Crime response covering Pursue, Prevent, Protect, and Prepare (4 P's) 2020/21
4. If the bids are approved, agree to update the SCO7 Falcon Cyber Crime budgets to reflect the revised funding and ensure officers are posted into the roles to maximise the grant funding.

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

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Introduction and background

4. The MPS was previously the lead force for Cyber Crime, hosting the national policing response to cybercrime (Police Central e-Crime Unit (PCeU)) and the

National e-Crime Programme (NeCP), part funded initially by the Home Office and later following the Strategic Defence and Security Review the National Cyber Security Programme (NCSP) was created by the Cabinet Office. This was a 4 year programme 2011 - 2015 with a year on year business case for the ongoing commitment.

5. In October 2013, the National Crime Agency (NCA) was launched and the PCeU and NeCP function, funding, staff and resources transferred to the National Cyber Crime Unit (NCCU) within the NCA. Recognising the uniqueness of London in relation to business and financial sectors and the MPS need to maintain a cybercrime, the MPS was invited to continue in the programme.
6. From 2014/15 the bids included the newly formed Fraud and Linked Crime Online (Falcon) - the MPS response to fraud and cyber.
7. The programme extended for a further 5 years all partners were asked for a 5-year plan to fund a new iteration of the NCSP which would run from 2016 – 2021, this was completed and shared with Mayors Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and was approved for 16/17 on the basis that it was a continuation of existing funding. MOPAC were made aware that there was a further 4 years funding bids included.
8. In 2017/18 the MPS were awarded funding in line with this multiyear plan including funding for 27 officers and staff across all 4 P's, providing continued support for cyber training, equipment and software as well as a communications budget to take protect messaging to the people of London in direct support of the MOPAC policing plan.

New Bid Process

9. In November 2017 the MPS was asked to bid again into the Home Office providing a further 3-year plan for the remains of the programme, in recognition of the constantly changing circumstances and threats there was no requirement to adhere to the 2016 - 5-year plan. Partners were asked to consider innovation and transformation in their submissions and the funding will come from both the National Cyber Security Programme and the Home Office Strategic Centre for Organised Crime (SCOC) and the business case will be developed and submitted by the Home Office.
10. This business case is in direct support of this aim and designed to counter the further statement in the same report 'very few Forces are focusing on developing the digital skills of their officers and staff, despite a universal acceptance that digital skills are an increasingly important of Police work.'

Issues for consideration

11. Should approval to bid for funding be refused, or the Home Office decide not to continue to support the efforts of the Metropolitan Police Service moving forwards, the officers and staff would be absorbed into existing vacancies and

the cybercrime unit and Prevent, Protect, Prepare will reduce in size by 27. However, as time goes on without investment in equipment and training the capability will be eroded, whilst there is now a digital element to all aspects of criminality the fast evolving technology and access to tools means that the specialist function will always be required in some capacity.

12. There are two embedded City of London officers in the regional cyber response, if the funding bid is not supported then they must return to force on 31st March 2018.

13. If funding is not granted or supported by 31st March, the MPS risk liability for funding the two CoLP officers if they are still in post at that time.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021¹

14. The support both the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan which recognises the importance of responding to the growth and threat of crime online including the dark web, as reflected in the MPS Business Plan.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

15. This business case is to obtain funding from the Home Office to continue to support the cyber response within the MPS. The total bid is for:

2018/19	£3,240,580
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Breakdown

This information is contained in the restricted section of the report. This bid is a continuation of support provided to the MPS since 2009 and is for continued response as well as enhancement and uplift to capability.

Legal Comments

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Equality Comments

16. 'As this is an extension of an existing service this work does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity'.

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

Privacy Comments

17. There are no privacy issues this extension of current operational policing and covered by current legislation such as HRA.

Real Estate Implications

18. There are no changes real estate or current Falcon footprint suggested, with smarter working rolling out the accommodation footprint will reduce moving forward in line with the rest of the MPS.

Environmental Implications

19. There is no impact in relation to delivering the Mayor's London Environment Strategy²

Background/supporting papers

20. Otherwise, include supporting papers in Part 2, exempt from publication.

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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 [ORGANISATIONAL]

Part 2 of Falcon funding bid for Regional and Force Level Cyber Response is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

- Provides operationally sensitive and tactical information in relation to the law enforcement response to cybercrime for London
- Contains information about current Police investigations
- Contains information directly from the National Crime Agency

The relevant sections under the FOIA that would exempt this information from disclosure are

- Data Protection Act Section 31 – Prejudicing the investigation, prevention & detection of crime.
- Data Protection Act Section 30 – Information relating to a current criminal investigation
- Data Protection Act Section 23 – Information from the NCA

The paper will cease to be exempt in 2028, it is assessed that the tactical and operational information included would no longer be sensitive.

² <https://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/environment-publications/draft-london-environment-strategy>

