

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 498

Title: Violent Crime Taskforce (VCTF) Funding

Executive Summary:

The MPS received funding of £15m in the financial year 2018/19. This was provided from additional funding raised by the Mayor through raising the council tax precept, and is directed towards the tackling of violent crime. The funding led to the creation of the Violent Crime Taskforce.

This paper requests approval from DMPC for specific recommendations on the provision of grants to partner organisations from the VCTF funding.

Recommendation:

The DMPC is asked to;

- approve a £100k grant to British Transport Police and to note the allocation of £50k to City of London Police to enable enhanced activity in areas of the capital under their policing remit as directed by the Mayor.
- Approve the increase of delegated authority of the Third-Party Contracts Commercial Director to £85k when approving VCTF grants. MOPAC have directed that £1m to be allocated as 12 individual grants of max £84k. for each of the Frontline Policing BCUs. The grants will be awarded locally by BCU Commanders to enhance Community Safety Partnerships (CSP).

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

Seamus Hendon

Date

15/11/2018

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. During the 2018/19 Budget process, the Mayor provided additional funding to the Met through raising council tax precept. Of this, £15m was ringfenced to combat violent crime, focusing on violent crime, weapon-enabled crime and serious criminality.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. Under the objective to “Stand with Communities, Neighbourhoods, & Families Against Knife Crime” an allocation of £1m is stipulated to be ‘ringfenced’ for allocation to those MPS/Borough Community Safety Partnerships to support enforcement and partnership activity. BCU Commanders will decide on priorities for funding in consultation with local CSPs. The grants will be overseen locally as part of the CSP Knife Crime Plans. The Central Oversight will come from the joint MOPAC & MPS Knife Programme Boards.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The funding associated with this report (overall £15m) forms part of the Frontline Policing Group budget. The allocation of £1m as requested for approval in this report is to be ‘ringfenced’ for allocation to those MPS/Borough Community Safety Partnerships to support enforcement and partnership activity. The allocation is to be split evenly across the 12 BCUs to deliver a maximum of £84k grant for CSP activity to each.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. As per Clause 4.8 of the Scheme of Delegation and Consent, the DMPC has delegated authority for the approval of
- Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving.
 - The strategy for the award of individual grants and/ or the award of all individual grants whether to secure or contribute to securing crime reduction in London or for other purposes.

5. GDPR/Data Privacy

- 5.1. This proposed grant giving does not use personally identifiable data of members of the public therefore there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

6. Equality Comments

- 6.1. A significant amount of community engagement and diversity impact assessments were carried out as part of the original MOPAC plan.
- 6.2. Within the MPS Violent Crime Strategy there is a dedicated Community Partnership strand. This team continuously monitors and assesses the work associated with this funding for community impact.

7. Background/supporting papers

None.

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 – 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.

✓

GDPR/Data Privacy

A DPIA is not required at this stage.

✓

Director/Head of Service:

The MOPAC 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

12/11/2018

