

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – DMPCD 2015 123

Title: Home Office Grant – Football Police Unit

Executive Summary:

This report is requesting approval, in accordance with the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation, the acceptance of a grant from the Home Office with a value of £66,255 per annum to fund a Police Constable for 12 months, with the possibility of a 12 month extension, to support the UK Football Police Unit through intelligence gathering.

Recommendation:

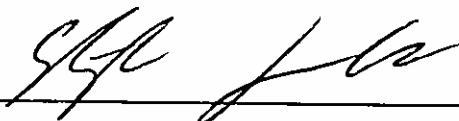
The DMPC is asked to approve the acceptance of a grant from the Home Office to fund a Police Constable for 12 months, with the possibility of a 12 month extension, to support the UK Football Police Unit. The value of the grant for 12 months is £66,255.

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

27/11/2015

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The Home Office have offered a grant to fund a Police Constable to support the Home Office United Kingdom Policing Unit.
- 1.2. The Home Office will provide a grant for the period 01 November 2015 to 31 October 2016 with the possibility of an extension for a further year to October 2017.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The MPS Dedicated Football Unit consists of 2 Police Constables and 1 Inspector; this funding will allow this unit to increase by 1 Police Constable and will take on the role of supporting the UKFBU.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The grant will be paid quarterly in arrears on a full cost recovery basis. The total grant of £66,255 will cover salary and support costs.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. This report seeks DMPC approval for the receipt of a grant of £66,255 to fund a Police Constable for 12 months to support the Home Office UKFBU.
- 4.2. The grant from the Home Office is being provided pursuant to section 169 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which allows the Secretary of State to make payments or grants in relation to crime prevention.
- 4.3. The MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent gives the DMPC the authority under paragraph 4.8 to approve all grants.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. The Unit where the Police Constable will be based works within MPS guidance and policy in relation to standard operating practices and procedure, which includes the Equality and Diversity toolkit. Therefore, there are no Equality and Diversity issues identified with this proposal.

6. Background/supporting papers

- 6.1. MPS Paper

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Is the publication of **this** form to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date (if known):

Is there a **part 2** form – YES

If yes, for what reason: Restricted Information

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:

	Tick to confirm statement (✓)
Head of Unit: Annabel Cowell 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 Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓

OFFICER APPROVAL**Chief Operating 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 27/11/15.

PART 1 - NON-EXEMPT SECTION OF THE REPORT

PROVISION OF A GRANT FROM THE HOME OFFICE TO FUND A POLICE OFFICER TO SUPPORT THE UNITED KINGDOM FOOTBALL POLICING UNIT

Report by Assistant Commissioner, Specialist Crime and Operations on behalf of the Commissioner

Summary

The Home Office have offered a grant to fund a Police Constable for 12 months, with the possibility of an extension for a further 12 months subject to an effectiveness review, to enable the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to support the Home Office United Kingdom Football Policing Unit (UKFPU).

The UKFPU has agreed to provide a grant of £66,255 to cover the cost of a Police Constable.

There are exempt and non-exempt sections of this report because it contains details relating to operational policing matters.

A. RECOMMENDATION - That

1. **The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) approves the receipt of a grant of £66,255 to fund a Police Constable for 12 months to support the work of the Home Office United Kingdom Football Policing Unit. The DMPC also approves the extension of this grant for a further twelve months subject to the outcome of the effectiveness review.**

B. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. The grant will be provided by the Home Office for the period 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016, with the possibility of an extension for a further year to 30 November 2017 (subject to performance).

The extra member of staff will be able to deliver:

- UK Operational Support as part of the UKFPU support structure acting as intelligence coordinators for International fixtures and support the UK police response to the European Championships in France in 2016
- contribute to the objectives of the Home Office Policing Plan regarding security at designated sporting events
- disseminate operational learning in coordination with other MPS and UK Units.

C. OTHER ORGANISATIONAL & COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS

Equality and Diversity Impact

1. The Unit where the Police Constable will be based works within MPS guidance and policy in relation to standard operational practices and procedure, which includes the Equality and Diversity Toolkit.

Therefore, there are no Equality and Diversity issues identified with this proposal.

Financial Implications

1. The grant will be paid quarterly in arrears on a full cost recovery basis, on receipt of statements of expenditure.
2. This grant will fund one Police Constable post for twelve months, which equates to a total of £66,255 (pay costs £53,141 and support costs £13,114).

Legal Implications

1. This report seeks MOPAC approval for the receipt of a grant of £66,255 to fund a Police Constable for twelve months to support the Home Office UKFPU. The grant will extend the number of resources already available to undertake specific policing work relating to football.
2. The grant from the Home Office is being provided pursuant to section 169 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, which allows the Secretary of State to make payments or grants in relation to crime prevention.
3. The MOPAC's Scheme of Consent and Delegation gives the DMPC the authority under paragraph 4.8 in relation to grant funding.

Consultation undertaken

1. This report has been through the MPS internal governance process and has been seen and approved by the SC&O Finance Business Partner, DLS, the Design Authority, Business Change and Diversity, Strategic Secretariat (Portfolio Delivery Office), Commercial Director, Third Party Contracts Team, the Director of Strategic Procurement and the Director of Finance Business Partnering.

Risk (including Health and Safety) Implications

1. If MOPAC were to decline the funding it is reasonable to assume there would be reputational national risk. Historically England fans have always attracted a disproportionate amount of media attention highlighting any disorder, which has resulted in questions being asked in Parliament and then subsequently to Police Commanders. Examples of this were evident during breakouts of disorder in the following tournaments; France 1998, Holland/Belgium 2000 and Portugal 2004. More recently, Chelsea supporters were scrutinised for racist behaviour in Paris 2015. Euro 2016 is the first readily accessible tournament in Western Europe in recent years.

Environmental Implications

1. There are no environmental implications for the MPS or UKFPU in relation to this agreement.

Supporting Documents: Nil