

**REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – DMPCD 2015 09**

**Title: Home Office Grant – Automated Communications Data System**

**Executive Summary:**

This report seeks approval to accept a grant from the Home Office to fund the service management of the Automated Communications Data System (ACDS) on behalf of the Communication Capabilities and Development Programme.

**Recommendation:**

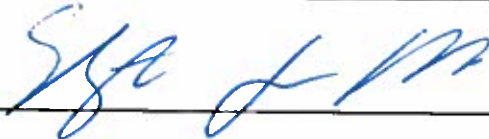
The DMPC is asked to approve the acceptance of a grant from the Home Office to fund the service management of the Automated Communications Data System (ACDS) on behalf of the Communication Capabilities and Development Programme. The value of the grant is £1,903,047 and will fund the service from April 2014 to September 2016.

**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**

29 Jun 2015

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

### **Decision required – supporting report**

#### **1. Introduction and background**

- 1.1. The Automated Communications Data System (ACDS) is a national system used by all police forces in England and Wales and the Security Services to send automatic Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) requests to receive communication data from Communication Service Providers. This evidential communications data is a key operational data set for the MPS.
- 1.2. In November 2011 the MPS signed a grant agreement with the Home Office to provide a service management function in respect of the ACDS. This agreement expired in March 2014, as from April 2014 it was planned that a new host would be identified to deliver this service to all Police Forces and Security Services and remove the dependency on the MPS.
- 1.3. The provision of a long term sustainable body has not yet been realised and the Home Office have requested a new grant agreement up to 30 September 2016. The MPS is the largest single user of the ACDS, as such the College of Policing and the Home have agreed that the MPS is the preferred provider of this service.

#### **2. Issues for consideration**

- 2.1. The Communication Data Acquisition Sustainment Team (CDAST) currently provide a 24/7 service 365 days a year including an on call facility. In addition to the services provided by the team the new grant agreement will take on additional functions currently provided by BAE contractors working at the Home Office.

#### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. This grant has been offered by the Home Office to enable the MPS to continue to provide a service management function for the ACDS on behalf of the Communication Capabilities and Development Programme on a full cost recovery basis. It represents an increase on the value of the previous grant agreement to reflect increasing numbers of users, providers and services over the next 30 months compared to the previous 24 months.
- 3.2. The grant will fund up to seven staff/contractors, an increase from 5, and their related costs including overhead support costs.

#### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. This report seeks DMPC approval for the receipt of a grant of up to £1,903,047 for the MPS to provide a service management function in respect of the Communications Capabilities and Development Programme on a full cost recovery basis.
- 4.2. The grant from the Home Office will be provided pursuant to section 57(1) of the Police Act 1996, which allows the Secretary of State to provide and maintain or contribute to the provision or maintenance of such organisations, facilities and services considered necessary for promoting the efficiency and effectiveness of the police.
- 4.3. MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent gives the DMPC the authority to approve bids for grant funding and all requests to provide grant funding.

**5. Equality Comments**

- 5.1. The Communication Data Acquisition Sustainment Team (CDAST) work within MPS guidance and policy in relation to standard operational practices and procedures, which includes the Equality and Diversity Toolkit.
- 5.2. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and no relevance was found to diversity and equality issues in the provision of the service management function.

**6. Background/supporting papers**

- 6.1. MPS Paper

**Public access to information**

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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 – NO

If yes, for what reason:

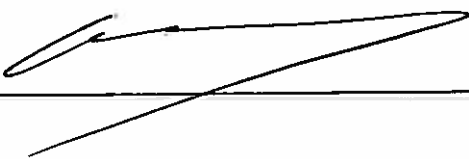
**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
<b>Head of Unit:</b> Annabel Cowell has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
<b>Legal Advice:</b> The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> 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** 29/01/2015.