

DMPC Decision – PCD 529

Title: NPCC HO Funding – Brexit Preparations 2019/20

Executive Summary:

The Home Office has agreed to provide funding of up to £5.6 million to the NPCC for contingency planning and preparations for Brexit. As MOPAC host the NPCC, this paper requests approval to accept this funding. There is no financial exposure to MOPAC.

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to agree that MOPAC receive, on behalf of the NPCC, the 2019/20 funding provided by the Home Office to guarantee continuity of the ICCS, which has been implemented as the policing contingency response to mitigate the risks associated with a potential EU Exit

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

Supra Wanda

Date

19/6/19

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. The MPS host the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC), providing business support services, under a nationally agreed collaboration agreement.
- 1.2. The Home Office asked the NPCC/NCA Brexit Contingency Planning Team to develop proposals for a model to provide policing with mitigations of the potential consequences of Brexit. The Home Office provided funding in 2018/19 to enable these preparations – see PCD 468.
- 1.3. The Home Office has indicated that it is willing to provide funding for 2019/20 to maintain the mitigations and planning for Brexit for this financial year.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The NPCC has estimated the operating costs for 2019/20 are within the £5.6m the Home Office have indicated they will provide funding for. The NPCC is seeking MOPAC approval to accept the HO grant funding.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The NPCC have assured that the estimated costs will be fully funded from HO grant. Any costs not met by the HO grant funding will be funded from the NPCC budget and reserves. There is no financial exposure for MOPAC

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 police and crime commissioners “must (a) secure the maintenance of the police force for that area, and (b) secure that the police force is efficient and effective”. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC must approve “Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving”.

5. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 5.1. The proposal 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. There are no equality implications arising from acceptance of this grant funding.

7. Background/supporting papers

- 7.1. NPCC Report

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

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.	✓
Commercial Issues Commercial issues are not applicable	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy A DPIA is not required.	✓
Director/Head of Service: The 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 18/6/19



MOPAC

MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL CRIME COORDINATION CENTER (BREXIT SAFETY UNIT)

Report by DAC Richard Martin 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

The NPCC Brexit Contingency Planning Team led by DAC Richard Martin (NPCC – International Criminality Portfolio) have submitted contingency proposals to the Home Office in relation to how UK Policing can respond to any loss in capability post the UK's exit from the EU. These proposals included the creation of a new unit called the International Crime Coordination Centre (ICCC) (previously called Safety Net) in readiness for EU Exit day.

The ICCC currently has been operationally ready since March 2019 and sits under the leadership of NPCC International Criminality Lead DAC Martin.

Funding has been agreed with the Home Office for this financial year and discussions are ongoing regarding beyond 2019/20. The ICCC is currently hosted by the Met Police but it is a national resource under NPCC governance.

A decision is required from MOPAC on behalf of NPCC, to receive the 2019 /20 funding provided by the Home Office to guarantee operational continuity of the ICCC.

Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is asked to consider the following:

1. MOPAC agree to receive, on behalf of the NPCC, the 2019/20 funding provided by the Home Office to guarantee continuity of the ICCC, which has been implemented as the policing contingency response to mitigate the risks associated with a potential EU Exit.

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

Introduction and background

2. The NPCC Brexit Contingency Planning Team led by DAC Richard Martin (NPCC – International Criminality Portfolio) received the required funding for 2018/19 to Set up a new unit called the International Crime Coordination Centre (ICCC). It

was agreed that the unit would be hosted by the Met Police but would be a national resource under NPCC governance.

3. On 4 March 2019 the NPCC launched the newly formed and fully operational International Crime Cooperation Centre (ICCC). This arrangement provided confidence that UK law enforcement (particularly the 43 police forces in England and Wales) were prepared to revert to the non-EU contingencies from Day One (29 March 2019) should the UK exit the EU.
4. The ICCC is staffed by highly experienced officers and staff from police forces, the National Crime Agency and the national Criminal Records Office with a central coordination team based in London and a network of regional single points of contacts (SPOCs) who provide advice and help forces to use alternative mechanisms.
5. A steering group, chaired by Chief Constable Barton (Cumbria) has been established to provide strategic direction, financial control and oversight of this project. Other operational partners such as the National Crime Agency (NCA), Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and Police Service of Scotland (PSoS) are members of the steering group to ensure cross cutting issues and risks are properly managed.
6. Following a Home Office request, in September 2018 the NPCC submitted a proposal to the Home Office in relation to a funding request for 2019/2020 for two scenarios: a) No Deal Scenario and b) Deal Scenario. In January 2019 the HO confirmed that funding for up to £5.6M had been approved for 2019/20 to guarantee the operational continuity of the ICCC.

Issues for consideration

7. Although the UK negotiated an extension until October 2019, there is still uncertainty regarding the future of the UK EU's membership and there remains a risk of a No Deal Brexit. In this case the UK will lose access to European measures, tools and mechanisms.
8. These EU instruments are used on a daily basis in operational policing and loss of them will have a significant impact on both UK and EU law enforcement. Frontline officers will be less connected to alerts from EU partners about suspects they encounter and it will be harder to monitor the movements of sex offenders or terrorist suspects if we lose Schengen Information Systems II (SISII).
9. Brexit only increases the challenges that the UK faces when dealing with international crime, not only EU related but also from other countries. The structure of the ICCC can be flexed to respond to those challenges and to help to equip the UK policing to improve the way it deals with international crime.

Contribution to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021¹

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

10. The ICCC will contribute to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan as it will mitigate the impact of the UK losing access to EU tools. The ICCC's ultimate objective is to keep communities safe. Access to mechanisms to share intelligence and evidence with international counterparts is a vital component in this.
11. The ICCC will continue to provide support to front line officers to respond to international threats and build up International Criminality capability within forces.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

12. The policing costs associated with the ICCC will be funded by the Home Office with no permanent revenue cost to policing. This will be via a special grant to MOPAC who will then administer all financial arrangements on behalf of the NPCC.
13. The Home Office has produced a Letter of Intent and has indicated that a grant agreement will be produced to cover any necessary and eligible expenditure incurred by the NPCC related to Law and Enforcement preparations for EU exit up to a maximum of £5.6M for 2019/20.
14. The Home Office have only granted funding for the current financial year. The ICCC is preparing a proposal for submission to HMT once they make a formal request to HO for further funding requirements.
15. NPCC has revised its budget forecast for this financial year and is confident that the £5.6M granted by the HO are sufficient to cover the operating costs of the ICCC as it is. Despite the above if there are over-costs which are not funded by the HO grant funding NPCC assure that these costs will be met from within existing NPCC budget and/or reserves.

Legal Comments

16. Under the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 police and crime commissioners "must (a) secure the maintenance of the police force for that area, and (b) secure that the police force is efficient and effective". Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC must approve "Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving

Equality Comments

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

Privacy Comments

18. The receipt of HO funding does not involve the use of personally identifiable data of members of the public, so there are no GDPR issues to be considered.

Real Estate Implications

19. There are no direct implications arising from the receipt of the HO funding. Previous decision PCD 490 provided for accommodation for the ICCC until December 2020.

Environmental Implications

20. No Impact

Background/supporting papers

21. No applicable

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