

**DMPC DECISION – PCD 611**

**Title: Development of Future Children and Young People’s Service**

**Executive Summary:**

This decision sets out the next steps in MOPAC’s strategy in relation to the development and commissioning of a new, specialist victim support service for Children and Young People in London.

This includes:

- recommendations in relation to identifying a consultancy partner who can work with us to support the development of the specification for the future service during 2019 – 2020; and
- updates on the high-level timescales for the commissioning of the new service.

**Recommendation:**

The DMPC is asked to approve:

- the strategy outlined for the design and development of the future integrated, specialist support service for young victims and witnesses in London, including those with the most complex needs; and
- the commissioning of a consultancy partner to support the development of the specification for the future service.

**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**

*Sophie Hendon*

**Date**

*19/7/19*

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

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

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

- 1.1. In his Knife Crime Strategy, the Mayor committed to spending £1m per annum on the provision of specialist support services for young victims of crime. In DMPC Decision 568 the Mayor committed to increase investment in this area to £1.4m in 2019 – 2020, in order to:
- extend the current service for a 12 month period, to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 to ensure that there is continuity of support for young victims of crime throughout 2019 – 2020, and to trial new approaches to supporting victims and witnesses of serious violence, which will inform the development of the specification of the future service; and
  - extend the support available through the current service to traumatised young people who witness violence but who previously have not been able to easily access the support they need to cope and recover.
- 1.2. This decision sets out proposals regarding the strategy for the design and development of a future integrated, specialist support service for young victims and witnesses in London, including those with the most complex needs, which will build on the approach taken in 2019 – 2020.

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

- 2.1. MOPAC's ambition is to develop an integrated, specialist service that is able to meet the needs of all young victims and witnesses of crime in London, including those with the most complex needs. The service will have a focus on supporting young victims of violence and will also support those victims of crime who may be perpetrators as well.
- 2.2. In order to deliver this ambition, and to ensure that it is a truly specialist and child-centred service, it is proposed that we identify, via a competitive process, a consultancy partner with expertise in working with children and in safeguarding, who can support us with the development of the specification. Specifically, they will be responsible for:
- A needs assessment/evidence review to inform the specification;
  - Develop and conduct a consultation programme with stakeholders and service users to inform the specification;
  - Working closely with the Violence Reduction Unit and building on the insights and consultation developed around the aftermath tool-kit;
  - Work with Victim Support, the VRU and other providers to identify learning from the current service; and
  - Provide a skeleton outline specification and the core components of the new service.
- 2.3. A budget of up to £100,000 in 2019 – 2020 has been identified to support this work, and the tender will be published in July 2019 and a partner identified for this piece of work by the end of August 2019.
- 2.4. Co-design work for the future service, with MOPAC, its consultancy partner and other stakeholders as required, will then take place throughout July to September 2019. As outlined above, findings from the delivery of the existing service will also inform this development work.

- 2.5. The provider will be required to complete the work, and report back to MOPAC in October 2019, to enable a specification to be developed and a tender published in November 2019 for the commissioning of the future service. A further decision will be submitted for approval by September 2019 confirming the budget and commissioning process and timescales for the future service.

### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. This report seeks approval to commission a consultancy partner to support the design and development of the specification for the future, specialist service. The maximum budget allocated for this piece of work is £100,000, and will be funded from the £3m budget uplift for existing priorities provided by the Mayor to MOPAC in the 2019 - 2020 budget process.

### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. MOPAC's powers in relation to commissioning are set out in Section 143 (1) (b) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014, which provides an express power for MOPAC, as a local policing body, to provide or commission services "intended by the local policing body to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour."
- 4.2. In line with section 4 of MOPAC's Scheme of Consent and Delegation, the DMPC has authority for the approval of business cases for revenue expenditure above £500,000 and for the strategy for the award of grants. The proposals in relation to the commissioning of a future specialist service for young victims and witnesses of crime set out in this decision form are accordingly to be approved by the DMPC.

### **5. Commercial Issues**

- 5.1. Both the identification of the consultancy partner to support development of the specification of the future service, and the identification of the future service provider will be subject to a competitive process.
  - 5.2. Professional, technical and legal advice is being sought from TfL procurement and legal colleagues in relation to the commissioning approach that we are proposing to follow to appoint the consultancy partner to support the development of the future service, and regarding the process for commissioning the future service itself. to ensure they are fully compliant with the Public Contract Regulations 2015.
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### **6. Public Health Approach**

- 6.1. This decision does not sit within the Violence Reduction Unit's public health approach to reducing violence as it relates to MOPAC's statutory responsibility for commissioning support services for victims of crime.
- 6.2. However, the Violence Reduction Unit will be engaged as part of the work being undertaken by the partner organisation, in order to ensure the future service can add value to its overall plan for violence reduction in London where appropriate.

### **7. GDPR/Data Privacy**

- 7.1. A Data Protection Impact Assessment will be completed by the successful consultancy partner as part of their development work on the new service, to ensure that all delivery will be fully compliant with the requirements of the GDPR.

## **8. Equality Comments**

- 8.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2. An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed by MOPAC as part of the commissioning process for the future service.

## **9. Background/supporting papers**

- 9.1. 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:

**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**

Tick to confirm statement (✓)

<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>Legal Advice:</b> Legal advice is not required at this time.	✓
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
<b>Public Health Approach</b> Due diligence has been given to determine whether the programme sits within the Violence Reduction Unit's public approach to reducing violence. This has been reviewed and supported by a senior manager within the VRU.	✓
<b>Commercial Issues</b> The Contract Management Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report. The proposal is in keeping with the GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy.	✓
<b>GDPR/Data Privacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report</li><li>A DPIA is required and will be completed by the appointed provider</li></ul>	✓
<b>Director/Head of Service:</b> The Director of Criminal Justice and Commissioning Directorate 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

18/7/19

