

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 68**Title: Taser Single Tender Action****Executive Summary:**

This decision concerns the purchase of additional Taser devices and cartridges to accompany the uplift in armed response vehicles in order to provide resilience to front line operational firearms officers with a less lethal tactic. Without sufficient Taser devices available to front line firearms officers, a significant operational risk occurs, which although unlikely, could see an officer having to resort to using a firearm as no differentiated use of force would be available.

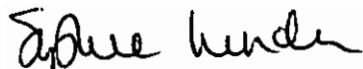
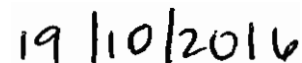
Recommendation:

That DMPC approve the purchase of additional Taser devices and cartridges as set out in Part 2

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**

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Taser has been an operational tactic available to UK Police forces since late 2008. The devices, which are licensed for use by the Police in the UK by the Home Office, allow officers to deploy differentiated use of force when faced by a violent or armed subject, where previously conventional firearms may have been the only alternative.
- 1.2 The use of Taser, although contentious in the UK is a worldwide proven less lethal option when compared to conventional firearms. The unique appearance of the device has anecdotally assisted officers in bringing violent or “out of control” subjects into a more compliant state without even the need to fully utilise the device. The availability of such a tactic has potentially saved countless lives on the streets of the UK.
- 1.3 In order to ensure that the extra firearms officers, agreed as part of the firearms uplift, are appropriately equipped, it is necessary to purchase these Taser’s.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1 The contractor has confirmed that delivery of the additional devices and cartridges could be in as little as 3 weeks, meaning the uplift capabilities and shift changes planned for December 2016 could be met with the appropriate kit.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1 The costs of the additional taser devices and cartridges will be funded from within existing resources.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1 The proposal can be lawfully approved pursuant to Regulation 32(2) (b) (ii) Public Contract Regulations 2015 which allows for a contract to be awarded without competition where the goods can only be supplied by one economic operator because competition is absent for technical reasons.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. There are no impacts or implications for equality or diversity resulting from this proposal.

6. 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:

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 (✓)

Head of Unit:

The Head of Operational Oversight 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 Strategic Finance and Resource Management team have been consulted on this proposal.

✓

Equalities Advice:

Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report and the Workforce Development Officer has been consulted on the equalities and diversity issues within this report.

✓

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

19/10/16