

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – DMPCD 2016 41

Title: Funding for male rape and sexual assault services in 2016/17

Executive Summary:

The Mayor has provided additional revenue to MOPAC with the intention that £26,000 of this is used to fund specialist male rape and sexual assault services each year (2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19). The Mayor refers to this in paragraph the Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2016-2017 in paragraph 5.6.

Recommendation:

The DMPC is asked to:

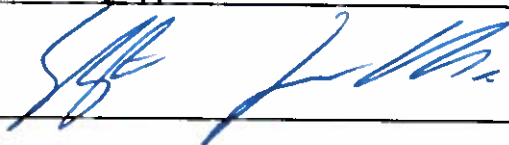
- approve the allocation of £78,000 of MOPAC's budget over three years (2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19) to be allocated to funding male rape and sexual assault services; and
- delegate responsibility for the finalisation of planning and contractual/grant arrangements related to the work described in sections 1 and 2, including relevant terms and the signing of agreements, to the Chief Operating Officer.

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

17/3/2016

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The purpose of this decision report is to allocate £78,000 of MOPAC's budget over three years (2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19) to funding specialist male rape and sexual assault services.
- 1.2 In his Final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2016-17 the Mayor provided additional revenue to MOPAC with the intention that £26,000 of this should be used each year in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 to provide additional funding for specialist male rape and sexual assault services.
- 1.3 In line with MOPAC's wider victims commissioning approach, this funding will be allocated on the basis of a competitive conditional grant(s) process that will be open to specialist service provider(s) of male rape and sexual assault services. This process will commence in April 2016/17.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1 MOPAC is investing more than £4.1million in improving services in order to provide the confidence and support necessary to encourage more victims to come forward and report sexual offences. This includes the allocation of £1,260,000 to support the four Rape Crisis Centres for three years until March 2017. Importantly, it also includes contributing £2.165 million per year towards funding the Havens (London's Sexual Assault Referral Centres) which provide crucial medical care and immediate support to both male and female victims of rape and serious sexual abuse. London is the only place in the country with a network of Havens and support for victims of rape and serious sexual assault that is open to both male and female victims (DMPCD 2015 07 outlines funding for MOPAC's other VAWG related rape and sexual assault services).
- 2.2 The additional funding of £78,000 funding is intended to commission distinct, specialist male rape and sexual assault services in addition to MOPAC's wider service provision over three years to 2018/19.
- 2.3 The funding will be awarded through a competitive conditional grant award process in line with MOPAC's strategic commissioning approach. A simple specification will be developed and specialist male rape and sexual assault service providers will be invited to submit bids against this. These will then be evaluated against quality and value for money criteria and a conditional grant will be awarded to the organisation scoring the highest against these criteria.
- 2.4 A conditional grant will be developed and agreed with the chosen provider following the competitive process. This will be outcome based, according to MOPAC's strategic commissioning approach. Victim-focused outcomes will be developed that are linked to MOPAC's broader Integrated Victims Services approach as well as to MOPAC's strategic ambitions. Data will be gathered to monitor delivery against these outcomes on a quarterly basis and to iteratively inform service development and delivery.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1 The Mayor's final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2016-17 confirmed that MOPAC's council tax requirement has been increased to make provision for the allocation of £26,000 per year from 2016/17 until 2018/19 specifically for the provision of specialist male rape and sexual assault services. It is the Mayor's intention that this funding will be added to MOPAC's baseline and therefore will continue in 2017-18 and 2018-19.

- 3.2 MOPAC's overarching victims commissioning strategy is focussed on ensuring compliance with the EU Directive on Victims' and the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime. The overarching strategy has been developed and aligned to MOPAC's outcome-based approach.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1 MOPAC's general powers are set out in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (the 2011 Act). Section 3(6) of the 2011 Act provides that MOPAC must "secure the maintenance of the metropolitan police service and secure that the metropolitan police service is efficient and effective." Under Schedule 3, paragraph 7 MOPAC has wide incidental powers to "do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of the Office." Paragraph 7(2) (a) provides that this includes entering into contracts and other agreements.
- 4.2 Section 143 (1) (b) of the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 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." Section 143(3) specifically allows MOPAC to make grants in connection with such arrangements and any grant may be made subject to any conditions that MOPAC thinks appropriate.
- 4.3 Under MOPAC's Scheme of Delegation, approval of the strategy for the award of individual grants and the award of all individual grants (for crime reduction or other purposes) is a matter generally reserved to the DMPC (paragraph 5.6). The release of funding in accordance with the proposals set out in this decision form is accordingly to be approved by the DMPC. The delegation of responsibility for the finalisation of planning and contractual/grant arrangements, including relevant terms and the signing of agreements, to the Chief Operating Officer is in accordance with the general power of delegation in paragraph 1.7.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 As highlighted through the Independent Review commissioned by MOPAC and through analysis of police crime data, there are some communities that are over-represented amongst victimisation data and/or who fall within the scope of the EU Directive, i.e. victims of more serious crimes, vulnerable victims, particularly those whose circumstances make it difficult for them to access support, and repeat or persistently targeted victims, who must receive a prioritised service. In addition, the analysis indicates that those living in more deprived neighbourhoods are more likely to be targeted. The proposal within this decision will ensure that additional specialist services are made available for male victims of rape and sexual abuse.

6. Background/supporting papers

- 6.1 Mayor's final Draft Consolidated Budget for 2016-17
- 6.2 DMPC Victims funding decision 2016/17

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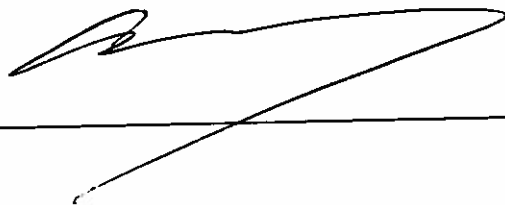
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Head of Unit: The Head of Services has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal Advice: Legal considerations are covered within the body of the report.	✓
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Accountant 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 18/03/16