

## MPS-MOPAC JOINT AUDIT PANEL 4 October 2021

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### MOPAC Commissioning Framework Update

Report by: Director of Commissioning and Partnerships, MOPAC

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#### **Report Summary**

##### **Overall Summary of the Purpose of the Report**

This report updates the panel on ongoing work being carried out by MOPAC to deliver on the recommendations of DARA's audit on its Grants and Commissioning Framework. This follows the previous report given to the panel in March 2021.

##### **Key Considerations for the Panel**

This report follows an action from the Audit Panel in March 2021 to update the panel on the implementation of each of the remaining recommendations of the external review of MOPAC's grant award and procurement processes, conducted in 2019 and updated in June 2021.

This report provides an update on the progress of this work. The panel is requested to review the report and note the progress made.

##### **Interdependencies/Cross Cutting Issues**

Improvement actions in relation to MOPAC's commissioning processes are also included in the Governance Improvement Plan that is submitted to the Audit Panel.

#### **Recommendations**

The Audit Panel is recommended to:

- a. note the report and the progress made since the last report submitted to the Audit Panel in March 2021.

## 1. Supporting Information

- 1.1. Expenditure related to commissioned services accounts for a significant proportion of Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime's total expenditure, accounting for £62.6m 2020/21, an increase from £53.6m in 2019/20.
- 1.2. DARA carried out a follow up review of MOPAC's grants and commissioning framework in June 2021. This followed the original review which was carried out in June 2019.
- 1.3. Four further follow-up actions were agreed as a result of the follow up review to address actions which had not yet been fully implemented. This report updates on progress in implementing those actions.

### *Key Achievements*

- 1.4. The first outstanding action related to the development and implementation of a training plan to support commissioning activities. The June 2021 follow-up review found that this has been fully implemented through the establishment and delivery of the Commissioning Academy. The Academy has delivered a series of workshops to improve commissioning practice across MOPAC between April and September 2021. The final workshop is being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021.
- 1.5. The second outstanding action related to lack of consistent templates used during the commissioning process. The follow-up review in June 2021 found that this action has been fully implemented with the roll-out of standard templates for procurement and grant award activity. These were developed as part of the procurement review carried out in 2020 by Capita.
- 1.6. The third outstanding action related to the publication of the MOPAC Contracts and Grants Registers. This action is not yet fully implemented. The registers were last published in November 2020 but have not been published since. They are currently being updated ready for publication in October 2021 and a process is being put in place to ensure that they are then updated and published on a quarterly basis in future.
- 1.7. The final outstanding action related to completing work to strengthen the grant award and commissioning process. The June 2021 follow-up review concluded that this action has been completed following the implementation of the recommendations of the procurement review carried out by Capita in 2020, which included the introduction of standardised procurement and competitive grant award processes.

## 2. Equality and Diversity Impact

There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly from this report. Equality and diversity considerations form part of MOPAC's commissioning processes, including through research and consultation activity to ensure that

the diverse needs of service users are understood and that their voices inform the specification for services.

### **3. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

### **4. Legal Implications**

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 provides MOPAC with power and duties beyond policing, including responsibility for the delivery of community safety, reducing crime and consulting victims, alongside an ability to commission crime and disorder grants.

In addition, 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. MOPAC assumed devolved responsibility from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) for commissioning the majority of victims’ services in London from 1 October 2014.

### **5. Risk Implications**

The management of risks relating to the delivery of MOPAC’s commissioned services is embedded into MOPAC’s internal governance processes, including through budget meetings, the Commissioning Delivery Group and the monthly Procurement, Contracts and Grants Oversight Board.

### **6. Contact Details**

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### **7. Appendices and Background Papers**

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