



# REPORT ON THE NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio Home Office Grant award 2023/24

Report by Richard Guy on behalf of Assistant Commissioner Steve Jupp

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio is responsible for realising the objectives and priorities of the NPCC SOC Portfolio Lead Assistant Commissioner/Chief Constable Steve Jupp through a number of programmes, projects and workstreams.

These include projects and business areas funded through the Home Office Spending Review (SR). It is also responsible for the day-to-day coordination of the national ROCU network, including performance management, and liaison/policy development work with a wide range of national partners, including the Home Office and the NCA.

The NPCC SOC Portfolio Office is a multi-disciplined team working in distinct areas of business: Senior Leadership, Governance, Project Management, Centralised Intelligence Capabilities and the ROCU Network Delivery.

Hosting of the SOC Portfolio has moved from its original host force Leicestershire Police to the NPCC Strategic Hub to allow it to align itself with the NPCC working practices and access NPCC business services.

A decision is required from MOPAC on behalf of NPCC, to receive the 2023/24 funding provided by the Home Office to guarantee delivery of the NPCC Serious and Organised Crime Portfolio objectives.

#### Recommendations

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

1. Approve MOPAC entering into a grant agreement with the Home Office, on behalf of the NPCC, and receive up to £2,480,000 of funding in 2023/24 to guarantee delivery of the deliverables agreed in the Grant Award.

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

#### Introduction and background

The grant award has been agreed with the Home Office Public Safety Group

# (PSG)

### Funding breakdown:

- £1,630,000 ROCU Core capabilities.
- £200,000 ROCU Project to deliver costs associated with Government Agency Intelligence Network (GAIN).
- £550,000 ROCU Project to deliver costs associated with the Communications/ICT Approach.
- £50,000 ROCU Project to deliver costs associated with the Peer Review.
- £50,000 ROCU Project to deliver costs associated with the Capabilities Review.

# Contribution to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan

2. The work of the NPCC SOC Portfolio has direct impact on supporting the MPS in its fight against organised crime and the MPS benefits from the products and support delivered by the various programmes of work.

# **Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments**

- The policing costs associated with the NPCC SOC Portfolio will be funded by the Home Office grant with no permanent revenue cost to policing. This will be via a grant from the HO which is sufficient to cover the costs of the agreed deliverables.
- 4. 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 SOC Portfolio budget and/or reserves.
- Financial management of the fund will be overseen and facilitated by existing NPCC Commercial and Financial controls. Additional reporting and assurance processes are outlined in the Grant Agreement to address oversight and transparency for the Home Office.
- 6. The Home Office have granted funding for the current financial year. The Portfolio team continue to explore other funding options to guarantee continued development and a move to a business as usual state.
- 7. NPCC has considered the forecasted costs and is confident that the £2,480,000 is appropriate to meet the agreed deliverables within the grant award.

## **Legal Comments**

8. This grant will be paid to the MOPAC, as the host organisation for the NPCC, in exercise of the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 48 of the Police Act 1996 and Section 169 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994

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- 9. Under paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Consent and Delegation the DMPC has delegated authority to approve "Bids for grant funding made and all offers made of grant funding; and/or where appropriate a strategy for grant giving".
- 10. The grant agreement will be published under the Elected Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011

# **Equality Comments**

- 11. This award has undergone an initial equality screening. Due regard has been taken to the Equality Act's Public Sector Equality Duty. Real consideration has been taken to assess equality impact caused by the proposed business changes. As a result no negative impact has been identified to any individual and/or group safeguarded by a protected characteristic and those who are not.
- 12. As the intention of this document is financially related there is no real organisational change. Further reviews will be conducted and if as a result any new Equality Impact is identified, a full Equality Impact Assessment will be initiated.

# **Privacy Comments**

13. 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**

14. There are no direct implications arising from the receipt of the HO funding. The SOC Portfolio team are home based and have access to office and meeting space within current NPCC Offices.

## **Environmental Implications**

15. No Impact

# **Background/supporting papers**

16. Grant award attached.

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