

## REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 396

**Title: NPoCC Development and Upgrade of Mercury**

### Executive Summary:

- This paper concerns the award of a contract on behalf of NPoCC (National Police Coordination Centre) for the development and support of Mercury in order that it continues to meet the requirements of UK Policing.
- Mercury was originally developed for the management of police resources and mutual aid for the London 2012 Olympic Games and funded by the Home Office. Since that time KPMG have provided a number of tactical upgrades as well as supporting the maintenance of the system. This contract has ended.
- The proposal here is to request approval from the Metropolitan Police Service to sign a new contract with Informed Solutions who will help implement these requirements, as well as providing a flexible capability to enhance Mercury into the future, subject to suitable funding streams being identified.

### Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

- Approve the award of a 2 year contract for up to £2.2m to Informed Solutions with option to extend for two further years (1+1) for the support and development of Mercury. The total potential contract call-off value over the 4 year period is up to £2.2m, however the initial minimum guaranteed contract value is £164.25k, together with £10,188 for Metropolitan Police Service Commercial Support, to be funded from the NPoCC Budget.
- Approve that future Mercury developments can be called-off from this contract subject to NPoCC having confirmed there are sufficient funds in advance in line with their governance.

### 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

*Sybil Under*

Date

14/06/18

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

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

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

- 1.1. The Metropolitan Police Service hosts the NPoCC, and provides business support services including procurement under a collaboration agreement. As a consequence, MOPAC are the contracting entity for the NPoCC. However, the operation of the NPoCC is independent from the Metropolitan Police Service.
- 1.2. NPoCC has separate budget from the Metropolitan Police Service and are responsible to ensure appropriate funds are in place before commissioning any work.

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

- 2.1. NPoCC works with all forces across England and Wales as well as Police Scotland, Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and non-home office forces including Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Civil Nuclear Constabulary and other national police units to undertake a rolling program of capacity assessments for a wide range of specialist police skills.
- 2.2. This information contributes to improving the way UK policing serves the public by understanding capacity to respond to national threats and in times of crisis.
- 2.3. The data allows for more informed decision making to improve interoperability and to understand “multi skilling” and the effect it can have on impeding the provision of mutual aid.

#### **3. Financial Comments**

- 3.1. The maximum amount that NPoCC is committing to spend under this contract covers an initial “Discovery” phase and 100 contracted days per year for two years, and totals £164,250.
- 3.2. Should NPoCC choose to extend the contract by an additional two years and also call-off the maximum 700 days during each of the four years, then the total contract spend would be in the region of £2,200,000. NPoCC will need to ensure additional funding above the current budget of £400k is in place prior to authorisation of any call-off spend.

#### **4. Legal Comments**

- 4.1. The Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) is a contracting authority as defined in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the Regulations). Public contracts for goods and services valued at £184,302 or above must be procured in accordance with MOPAC governance and the regulations. This report confirms the value of proposed contract exceeds this threshold and, accordingly, the regulations are engaged.

#### **5. Equality Comments**

- 5.1. Any equality and diversity issues were considered as part of the SPF framework (Metropolitan Police Solution Provider’s Framework) award that this contract is being called off from.

#### **6. Background/supporting papers**

- 6.1. Report

**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**

	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
<b>Head of Unit:</b> The Chief Finance Officer has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
<b>Legal Advice:</b> Legal advice is not required.	✓
<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the 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 *06/06/13*





MOPAC

MAYOR OF LONDON  
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

## NPoCC Development and Upgrade of Mercury

MOPAC Investment Advisory Board 24th May 2018

Report by National Police Coordination Centre

**Part 1 – This section of the report will be published by MOPAC. It is classified as OFFICIAL – PUBLIC**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Business Justification paper concerns the award of a contract on behalf of NPoCC (National Police Coordination Centre) for the development and support of Mercury in order that it continues to meet the requirements of UK Policing.

### Recommendations

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, via the Investment Advisory Board (IAB), is asked to:

1. **Approve** - the award of a 2 year contract for up to £2.2m to Informed Solutions with option to extend for two further years (1+1) for the support and development of Mercury, to be funded from the NPoCC Budget.
2. **Approve** - that future Mercury developments can be called-off from this contract subject to NPoCC having confirmed there are sufficient funds in advance in line with their governance.

The key issues the DMPC needs to take account of are:

- The MPS hosts the NPoCC, and provides business support services including procurement under a collaboration agreement. As a consequence MOPAC are the contracting entity for the NPoCC. However the operation of the NPoCC is independent from the MPS.
- NPoCC has separate budget from the MPS and are responsible to ensure appropriate funds are in place before commissioning any work.

### Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 25-05-2018 This is because there are currently no support arrangement in place for Mercury.

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

### **Introduction and background**

1. The National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC) replaced the Police National Information Coordination Centre with a wider remit to ensure policing is better prepared to deal with wide scale disorder or mobilisation of police assets.
2. NPoCC has distinct areas of work, each of which enable the Police Service to meet the challenges & requirements outlined in both of the Strategic and National Policing Requirements.
3. The purpose of this contract is not only to support the ongoing operation of Mercury but will allow it to be upgraded to meet the changing needs of the policing landscape

### **Issues for consideration**

The key issues the DMPC needs to take account of are:

4. The MPS hosts the NPoCC, and provides business support services including procurement under a collaboration agreement. As a consequence MOPAC are the contracting entity for the NPoCC. However the operation of the NPoCC is independent from the MPS.
5. NPoCC has separate budget from the MPS and are responsible to ensure appropriate funds are in place before commissioning any work.

### **Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021<sup>1</sup>**

6. Mercury is a national system that ensures policing is better prepared to deal with wide scale disorder or mobilisation of police assets

### **Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments**

7. The Police ICT Company was engaged to run the procurement on behalf of NPoCC and MOPAC. Police ICT Company procured the requirements from the Metropolitan Police Solution Provider's Framework (SPF). In using SPF Police ICT accessed suppliers through a compliant route who have already been preselected as having the knowledge and expertise to deliver timely software development services, increasing the probability of NPoCC and UK Policing realising the benefits associated with the upgrade.
8. As part of the project we have ensured the Intellectual Property (IP) held within Mercury is protected as there have been a number of enquiries about Mercury from other countries who aspire to have a similar resourcing tool in place. The SPF standard call-off Contract provides two different options for IP clauses, and the retention of IP by the Customer was stipulated in the RFP documentation issued.

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<sup>1</sup> [Police and crime plan: a safer city for all Londoners | London City Hall](#)

9. In protecting the IP this may provide the MPS with future opportunities to commercialise Mercury and provide NPoCC with a future revenue stream.
10. The contract is being awarded for up to £2.2m. Further information is contained in the restricted section of the report.

### **Legal Comments**

11. There are no significant legal implications in the award of this report.

### **Equality Comments**

12. Any equality and diversity issues were considered as part of the SPF framework award that this contract is being called off from

### **Privacy Comments**

13. This contract is being called off from the SPF framework that has a number of pre-approved schedules that deal with Data Protection.

### **Real Estate Implications**

14. There are no implication

### **Environmental Implications**

15. There are no implication

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### **Part 2 – This section refers to the details of the Part 2 business case which is NOT SUITABLE for MOPAC Publication.**

The Government Security Classification marking for Part 2 is:  
OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE [COMMERCIAL]

Part 2 of NPoCC Development and Upgrade of Mercury is exempt from publication for the following reasons:

- Exempt under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011 (Data Protection Section 43 – Commercial Interests).
- The relevant sections under the FOIA that would exempt this information from disclosure, for example:
  - Data Protection Section 40,
  - Commercial Interest Section 43
  - Legal Professional Privilege Section 42

The paper will cease to be exempt until 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

