

## REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 275

**Title: National Intelligence Ballistics System**

### Executive Summary:

This paper seeks a decision to support the allocation of £199,077 per year, over a 3 year period (2017/18-2019/20), to fund the MPS membership of the National NaBIS service. NaBIS is the UK Ballistic Intelligence Service and provides strategic and tactical intelligence support for forces across the UK to tackle firearms related criminality.

The decision required is the renewal of an existing membership by the MPS of the NaBIS Service, which has existed since 2007.

### Recommendation:

The DMPC is asked to approve;

- A renewal to the existing MPS membership via an s22 Collaboration Agreement, of the NaBIS service to cover the period of 2017/18- 2019/20.
- The funding of MPS membership of the National NaBIS service at revenue cost of £597,231 over the three year period. This amounts to £199,077 per year, to be funded from existing revenue budgets

### 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 Henderson*

Date

*16/10/17*

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

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

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

- 1.1. The NaBIS intelligence database provides a national picture of firearm usage, seizure and trends. Forensic information is inputted into the database by all forces providing a national intelligence picture.
- 1.2. The product that NaBIS provides, aligned to the work of individual forces, is critical to the understanding of gun crime in the UK and within each force. It gives a clear understanding of the level of threat posed by firearms that are available to criminals and works with police forces, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and other partners to pro-actively target resources against the greatest threats.
- 1.3. The NaBIS s22 Collaboration Agreement is an agreement to ensure collaborative and co-ordinated policing activity can take place. For this purpose, the parties, supported by the Home Secretary, agree to deliver national services for NaBIS, set out in the agreement and associated Memorandum of Understanding.

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

- 2.1. The NaBIS service provides value by delivering a cross-border, collaborative approach to tackling gun crime with a database that provides a national intelligence picture. The MPS is the largest contributor to the database and largest customer of the NaBIS service. Without its' inclusion and contribution, the effectiveness of the collaboration diminishes.

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

- 3.1 Membership is at a fixed revenue cost of £199,077 per annum, to be funded from existing revenue budgets. The total commitment over the three year period is £597,231.

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

- 4.1. There are no legal implications arising from this proposal.

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

- 5.1. There are no direct equality or diversity implications arising from this report

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

- 6.1. None.

**Public access to information**

Information in this form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and other legislation. Part 1 of this form will be made available on the MOPAC website within 1 working day of approval. Any facts/advice/recommendations that should not be made automatically available on request should not be included in Part 1 but instead on the separate Part 2 form. Deferment is only applicable where release before that date would compromise the implementation of the decision being approved.

**Part 1 Deferral:**

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No

**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 rational for non-publication.

Is there a **part 2** form – No

If yes, for what reason: EXEMPT under Article 2(2)(a) of the Elected Local Policing Bodies (Specified Information) Order 2011. This is exempt from disclosure under the

- FOIA from 523(5) Information supplied by security bodies,
- S40 Data Protection/personal Information,
- S43 Commercial Interest,
- S41 Information provided in confidence and
- S44 Information covered by prohibitions on disclosure.

**ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION:**

<b>Head of Unit:</b> The Head of Strategic Finance and Resource Management has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.		✓
<b>Legal Advice:</b> The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.		✓
<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Chief Financial Officer has been consulted on this proposal.		✓
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> No Equality and Diversity issues identified.		✓

**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 *12/10/17*



## **Investment Advisory Board**

5<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### **National Ballistics Intelligence System – Business Justification**

**Report by DAC Steve Rodhouse on behalf of AC Patricia Gallan**

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#### **TIME-SENSITIVITY**

A decision is required by 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to ensure legal compliance, as the current membership concludes at the end of 2017.

#### **A. RECOMMENDATIONS – That DMPC approves:**

A renewal to the existing membership by the MPS of the NaBIS service to cover the period of 2018-2021, allowing access to the national services NaBIS provides in order to tackle all aspects of firearms related criminality.

The funding of MPS membership of the National NaBIS service at a revenue cost of £597,231 over the three year period 2018/19- 2020. This amounts to £199,077 per year, to be funded from existing budgets

#### **B. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

##### **Background**

It is essential that the MPS continues its' membership within the NaBIS collaboration in order to successfully combat gun crime both nationally and internationally. The NaBIS intelligence database provides a national picture of firearm usage, seizure and trends. Forensic information is inputted into the database by all forces providing a national intelligence picture. This picture is converted into intelligence products by NaBIS and circulated to all forces through quarterly bulletins. The MPS is the major contributor to the database.

The product that NaBIS provides, aligned to the work of individual forces, is critical to the understanding of gun crime in the UK and within each force. It gives a clear understanding of the level of threat posed by firearms that are available to criminals and works with police forces, the National Crime Agency (NCA) and other partners to pro-actively target resources against the greatest threats.

The NaBIS s22 Collaboration Agreement is an agreement to ensure collaborative and co-ordinated policing activity can take place. For this purpose, the parties, supported by the Home Secretary, have agreed to deliver national services for NaBIS, set out in the agreement and associated Memorandum of Understanding.

The MPS is in a unique position as it has its' own Forensic Firearms Unit (FFU), undertaking these examinations on behalf of the MPS. As the MPS does not utilise the forensic examination capability of NaBIS, it sits outside of the nationally agreed funding arrangements for NaBIS and pays a separate fixed annual fee of £199,077. The costs are detailed as follows;

- £100,000 – Annual subscription allowing access to the database, funding for one analysts post, publication of intelligence products and shared firearms data.
- £99, 077 – Annual warranty/licence payment for the IBIS (Integrated Ballistic Imaging system) software.

**The total cost to the MPS is £597, 231 for the 3 year period.**

The MPS is the largest customer of the NaBIS service and, without its' inclusion and contribution, the effectiveness of the collaboration diminishes. Since 2007, the MPS have loaded 17,315 samples onto the database and there have been 2068 links made between crime scene samples. It is crucial that this membership continues in its' current format.

## **C. OTHER ORGANISATIONAL & COMMUNITY IMPLICATIONS**

### **Equality and Diversity Impact**

There are considered to be no negative equality or diversity implications arising from this request for a renewal of the existing membership of this collaborative agreement. This was confirmed through 'sign-off' as a mandatory partner during the MPS governance process.

### **Financial Implications**

The cost of renewing the membership of the S22 of the NaBIS Collaboration Agreement is detailed above. The total cost for the three year membership is £597,213. This is included in the forecasted MPS forensic budget. This was confirmed through 'sign-off' as a mandatory partner during the MPS governance process.

## **Legal Implications**

As this is a renewal of an existing contract, with no change to the conditions of membership, and with the same cost implications, there are no expected legal implications. Although the MPS Directorate of Legal Services is not a mandatory 'sign-off' partner, this paper has been passed to them for comment, through the governance process, and there are no identified implications highlighted.

## **Risk (including Health and Safety) Implications**

This report does not directly impact on the health and safety of the MPS or its service delivery.

## **Consultation Undertaken**

<b>Key stakeholder engagement (up to what level)</b>	<b>Supportive / Supportive with concerns / Not supportive / Not affected</b>
Integrated Design Authority	Supportive
Finance Business Partner	Supportive
Strategic Secretariat	Supportive
OMM Benefits	Supportive
Strategic Diversity & Inclusion	Supportive
Business Change	Supportive
Property Services	Supportive
Directorate of Legal Services	Supportive

## **Responsible Procurement**

As this is an existing contract and a request for a renewal of it, there are no adverse procurement implications associated with this solution.

