

REQUEST FOR DMPC DECISION – PCD 457

Title: VRES (Vehicle Recovery & Examination Services) C&S Contract Extension

Executive Summary:

Vehicle Recovery & Examination Service (VRES) is an MPS exhibit and secondary front-line crime fighting service, providing a vehicle recovery, removal, examination, storage and disposal service, processing over 42,000 vehicles a year with staff at two main facilities: Perivale and Charlton. Vehicles seized are involved in road traffic collisions, concerned in crime, uninsured vehicles and those seized under police powers for parking offences.

VRES outsources vehicle recovery services and requires an extension to the existing service contract which expires in March 2019. Extending the vehicle recovery contract will provide sufficient time to implement the medium-term strategy

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

- Approve the extension of the existing vehicle recovery contract from March 2019 for up to 2 years at a cost of £6.6m, 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

Spivey Hender

Date 10/09/2018

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

Decision required – supporting report

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. VRES is an essential MPS exhibit and secondary front-line crime fighting service, predominately denying criminals the use of roads and plays an increasing role in pursuing terrorism related vehicle crime. It operates in accordance with over a dozen regulations relating to PACE, lack of insurance, obstruction, nuisance, anti-social driving and including the Road Traffic Act 1988 Section 165 (Retention and Disposal of Seize Motor vehicles) and Regulations 2005 (RTA Regulations 2005).

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The 2-year contract extension for C&S will provide sufficient time for the VRES' medium term strategy to be developed.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The extension of the existing vehicle recovery contract will extend the contract with the existing supplier for two years to the value of £6.6m, to be funded from existing revenue budgets.

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The Vehicle recovery contract will be extended in accordance to Regulation 72 within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This has been advised as allowable under the Regulations as confirmed by DLS.
- 4.2. As per the Scheme of Delegation and Consent, DMPC approval is required to approve extensions to contracts with original value of £500,000 or above, when the variation or extension is greater than 10% of the original value and/or is for a period of more than 12 months.

5. Equality Comments

- 5.1. As extensions to existing contracts, the Vehicle Recovery extension does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity.

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>
Head of Unit: The Chief Finance Officer has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓
Legal Advice: The MPS legal team has been consulted on the proposal.	✓
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Equalities Advice: 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 *P. Lawrence*

Date *10/09/2018*





VRES C&S contract extension

MOPAC Investment Advisory Board 30/08/2018

Report by Bidisha Kondal on behalf of the Deputy Commissioner

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

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VRES outsources vehicle recovery services and requires an extension to the service contract which expires in March 2019.

Recommendations

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

- 1. Approve the extension of the existing vehicle recovery contract from March 2019 for up to 2 years at a cost of £6.6m, funded from existing revenue budgets**

Time sensitivity

A decision is required from the Deputy Mayor by 13/09/2018, so that negotiations for a contract extension to the vehicle recovery contract from March 2019 for up to 2 years. This will provide commercial stability to the only outsource provider to enable a number of critical fleet replacements to be made to support MPS service delivery.

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

Introduction and background

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2. VRES currently operate from two vehicle pounds in London, one in Perivale, north-west London, and one in Charlton, south-east London. VRES outsource vehicle recovery and requires a 2-year contract extension with the supplier from March 2019.
3. The 2 year contract ext for C&S will support VRES' medium term strategy which is currently being worked on.

Issues for consideration

4. Extending the vehicle recovery contract will provide sufficient time to implement the medium-term strategy, which is contained in the Exempt Appendix A of the report.

Contributes to the MOPAC Police & Crime Plan 2017-2021

5. As a crime-fighting service, VRES directly support the Police & Crime plan, providing a better police service and criminal justice for London. As vehicle related crime becomes more specialised and affects the targets in the MOPAC strategy, VRES may be called upon to support policing activity that directly impacts operational needs.

Financial, Commercial and Procurement Comments

6. The extension of the existing vehicle recovery contract will extend the contract with the existing supplier for two years to the value of £6.6m, to be funded from existing revenue budgets.

Legal Comments

7. The Vehicle recovery contract will be extended in accordance to Regulation 72 within the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. This has been advised as allowable under the Regulations as confirmed by DLS.
8. As per the Scheme of Delegation and Consent, DMPC approval is required to approve extensions to contracts with original value of £500,000 or above, when the variation or extension is greater than 10% of the original value and/or is for a period of more than 12 months; and to approve all business cases to acquire or renew a leasehold value with a value in excess of £500,000 over the initial lease period or 5 years whichever is the lesser.

Equality Comments

9. As extensions to existing contracts, the Vehicle Recovery extension does not change any aspects relating to equality or diversity.

Privacy Comments

10. The Vehicle recovery contract extension will take full account of Data Protection Act 2018 requirements (including EU directives: GDPR and the Law Enforcement Directive).

Real Estate Implications

11. VRES is working closely with Property Services Department to incorporate their operational requirements into the draft MOPAC Estate Strategy, and the

medium term strategy for VRES.

Environmental Implications

12. There are no environmental impact for the C&S contract extension

Background/supporting papers

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Part 2 – This section refers to the details of the Part 2 appendix which is NOT SUITABLE for MOPAC Publication.

Part 2 of this C&S extension 2018 – Contract Award report 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:
 - Commercial Interest Section 43

The paper will cease to be confidential after 8 years from the date of MOPAC approval.

The Government Security Classification marking for Part 2 is OFFICIAL-SENSITIVE COMMERCIAL.

