

## Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund 2019-2020			
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Viddy Persaud			
SLT Lead:	Steve Moore			
Report Author and contact details:	Diane Egan 01708432927 Diane.egan@havering.gov.uk			
Policy context:	To agree the spending plan for the Havering's allocated MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund grant for 2019-2020			
Financial summary:	Havering has been allocated £266,2367 for 2019-2020. In addition MOPAC will provide £5,000 per annum to the Safeguarding children Board and Safeguarding adults Boards			
Relevant OSC:	Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny			
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	Yes It is a non-key decision by a member of staff			

# The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering	X
Places making Havering	X
Opportunities making Havering	[]
Connections making Havering	= []

## Part A – Report seeking decision

#### DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

To approve the two year spending plan for Havering's MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund grant allocation for 2019-2020

#### **AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE**

This is found in the Constitution in Part 3 Para 3.3, Powers of the Senior Leadership Team:

#### Financial responsibilities

- (a) To incur expenditure within the revenue and capital budgets for their allocated portfolio as approved by the Council, or as otherwise approved, subject to any variation permitted by the Council's contract and financial procedure rules.
- (b) To oversee the delivery of programmes agreed by Council and Cabinet.
- (c) In consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member to apply for, accept and manage external funding up to a limit of £500,000 per grant in support of any function within their Directorate provided that any financial contributions by the Council are made from within existing budgets.
- (d) To authorise the making of ex gratia payments to individuals where the Ombudsman has recommended that such payment be made in local settlement of a complaint.

#### STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

MOPAC circulated London Crime Prevention Fund Borough allocations for 2019-21 on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. Havering has been allocated £266,367, an uplift of 3.2% or £8,189 on 2018-19. However as Havering chose to split the two year allocation from 2017-19 equally across 2 years, in real terms we will see a reduction in the previous year's allocation of £47,135 for 2019-20.

A report was submitted to SLT on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November to identify which existing projects and posts would be funded going forward. SLT agreed to discontinue the funding for the Substance Misuse post. This work will be absorbed into the work of the police, probation and commissioned substance misuse provider.

The agreed spending plan is attached as appendix 1.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

A range of options were considered, which included

- 1. Continued funding of all existing projects. However this would require a financial growth of £51,768 and was therefore rejected.
- 2. Discontinuation of the Street Triage Project. However this was rejected on the basis of the fact that project acts as a visible guardian in the Town Centre on a Friday and Saturday night and prevents unnecessary call outs to London Ambulance Services. Romford Town centre has the highest levels of knife crime of any wards within the tri borough in the first half of 2018. In 2017 Romford Town ward had the 8th highest number of violence with injury offences compared to all London Wards.
- 3. Discontinuation of the Hate Crime/ Prevent post. This was rejected on the basis that this is a priority for the Council and Havering received no other Government monies to support this piece of work.

#### PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

A report was presented to SLT on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November.

Discussions took place with Councillor Persaud pre the SLT report with Robert Harper,
Interim Enforcement Group Manager and on the 14<sup>th</sup> November with Dipti Patel AD for
Environment and Diane Egan, Community Safety and Development Manager.

#### NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Diane Egan

Designation Community Safety and Development Managers

Signature: LOW Eggy

Date: 22-11-18

### Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

All expenditure will be in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Grant. Failure to do so may result in the grant being withdrawn.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The total MOPAC grant 2019/20 is £0.266m

All expenditure will be in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Grant and the councils financial regulations.

Failure to do so may result in the unspent grant being withdrawn.

Grant monies will be claimed quarterly in arears, and accrued if required at the end of the financial year.

## HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

The discontinuation of the Substance misuse post will have no HR implications. The current post holder has submitted her notice and will take up a new post in the Councils Commissioning team on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2019.

The Hate Crime/ Prevent officer is currently seconded from her substantive post of Community Development officer until March 2019. The secondment will be extended for a further 2 years.

The Gangs and CSE analyst and Victims Worker are currently on temporary contracts until March 2019. Their contracts will be extended until March 2020.

#### **EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

A full EIA was conducted as part of the development of the Havering Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Plan 2018-19.

Each of the commissioned projects has had an EIA as part of the commissioning process.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

London Crime Prevention Fund grant conditions 2019-2021

### Part C - Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

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Proposal agreed

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Proposal NOT agreed because

**Details of decision maker** 

Signed

Name: STEVE MODE

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title: DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS

Head of Service title Other manager title:

Date: 21-11-18

## Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Democratic Services Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

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