



[REDACTED]  
Policing  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor New Scotland Yard  
Victoria Embankment  
London  
SW1A 2JL

Email:

[REDACTED]  
[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

22 February 2019

Dear Council Leaders,

For many years the Metropolitan Police has worked in partnership with other agencies and organisations both within the public and private sectors to provide additional policing presence. Our officers can be seen daily at Heathrow and London City working in partnership with the airport operators; policing the bus and red route road network in partnership with Transport for London; patrolling through many of the Capital's major shopping centres funded by the Management Companies.

The MPS and Local Authorities have successfully worked together in partnership for over 10-years through the provision of police officers at subsidised rates. The last iteration of the Scheme, MetPatrolPlus, has operated since 2014 and has been regarded as hugely successful and beneficial to all parties in providing additional policing to address local priorities.

Whilst the MPS is committed to continue working in partnership with Local Authorities, the sustained budget reductions over the last few years are now impacting on both officer numbers and the Commissioner's ability to deploy according to risk and harm. The rates offered in the current MetPatrolPlus Scheme are now no longer sustainable and we have had to consider a more cost effective Scheme for the MPS but one that still offers reduced and preferential rates for Local Authorities.

In April 2019 the MPS seeks to launch the new 'PartnershipPlus' Scheme. The new Scheme will allow Local Authorities to purchase police officers on a three-year agreement at a reduced rate of £57,000 per constable, £70,500 per sergeant and £86,000 per inspector; this represents a discount of over 21% of the full cost of a police constable.

Any purchased officers will be additional to the local BCU workforce target and will be ring fenced from normal AID provision or other local abstraction; but would be required to perform MPS duties in the case of an emergency or on days that are deemed to be High Demand Days for the purposes of public order. These High Demand Days are expected to be typically no more than 10-days per year, which equates to circa. 5% of working days. The above costs have made provision for these expected abstractions and are incorporated within the rates.

## Current and New Agreements

- Those Local Authorities that have existing MetPatrolPlus agreements in place with an expiry date beyond the 1 April 2019 will be honoured until their natural expiry date.
- Those agreements that expire on 31 March 2019, the MPS will, upon receipt of a letter of intention for continuation (see Appendix A), leave existing officers in place for a grace period of up to 3-months at the new MetPatrolPlus rates<sup>1</sup> to allow Local Authorities time to decide whether they wish to invest in the new PartnershipPlus Scheme.
- Requests for new agreements from Local Authorities will be considered on a case-by-case basis and should be commenced with the submission of a letter of intent (see Appendix B).

If you are interested in purchasing additional officers under the new Scheme, I would ask that, in the first instance, you discuss your requirements with your local BCU Commander.

I have included for your information a set of 'frequently asked questions' which will provide you with additional information and will hopefully answer any questions you may have. Should you have any further questions, that are not answered in the attached, please contact either Tony Horsley ([Tony.Horsley@met.police.uk](mailto:Tony.Horsley@met.police.uk) or 020 7161 0716) or Donna Burgess ([Donna.Burgess@met.police.uk](mailto:Donna.Burgess@met.police.uk) or 020 7161 1737).

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted name]

[Redacted contact information]

---

<sup>1</sup> New MetPatrolPlus rates for 2019, based on a 'buy-one-get-one-free' basis, are £72,500 per constable, £86,750 per sergeant, £105,000 per inspector; all provided with a constable at no additional charge.