

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	London Crime Prevention Fund 2019-2021
Cabinet Member:	<i>Cllr Viddy Persaud</i>
SLT Lead:	<i>Andrew Blake Herbert</i>
Report Author and contact details:	<i>Diane Egan</i> Community Safety Manager Diane.egan@haverling.gov.uk 01707432927
Policy context:	This sits under the delivery of the Havering Community Safety Plan 2017-2020 and the Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime Strategy 2017- 2022
Financial summary:	The Mayor of London has made available an additional £0.100m for Havering Community Safety partnership split equally between 2019-20 and 2020-21
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

Non-key Executive Decision

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

Communities making Havering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Places making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Connections making Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

To approve the spending plan for the additional £0.100m allocated by MOPAC to Havering as part of the London Crime Prevention Fund Grant 2019-2021.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

3.4 Powers of Second Tier Managers

Second Tier Managers are those managers directly reporting to a SLT Director. Second Tier Managers all have delegated authority to act as follows within the assigned service, subject to the general provisions and limitations set out in section 3.1 above.

Financial responsibilities

d) In consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member, to apply for, accept and manage external funding up to a limit of £250,000 per grant in support of any function within their service provided that any financial contributions by the Council are made from within existing budgets.

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Failure to agree a spending plan by the end of September will mean the potential loss of £0.050m for 2019-20 to tackle serious youth violence. Funds need to be spent before March 31st 2020 and cannot be carried forward as per the letter in appendix 1. The funds will be spent on the project set out in appendix 2.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

No alternatives to the project set out in appendix 2 were put forward. MOPAC have imposed a very tight deadline with the grant offer being circulated on the 9th of September and spending plans needing submission to MOPAC by the 30th September 2019. Failure to submit a spending plan would result in loss of potential funding.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

Due to the short turn around, discussions have taken place with the statutory partners of the Havering Community Safety Partnership on the 26th of September.

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

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Name: Diane Egan

Designation: Community Safety Manager

Diane Egan

Signature:

Date: 30.09.19

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

No direct legal implications arising from this decision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Failure to agree a spending plan and submit a spending plan to MOPAC will result in loss of funding.

Funding cannot be carried over from year 1 to year 2 as set out in the letter attached in appendix 1.

Funding of £0.050m per year is available for 2019-20 and 2020/21. If relevant expenditure in excess of the year 1 allocation can be evidenced there is potential to draw down against the year 2 allocation early, however this will not increase the overall allocation.

If this funding is not received the project will not be delivered unless alternative external funding can be sought..

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

No direct HR implications arising out of this report.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

No equalities implications arising from this decision

A full equalities impact assessment was completed as part of the Serious Group Violence and Knife Crime strategy 2019-22

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1: MOPAC Letter

Appendix 2: Bid proposal

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.

Decision

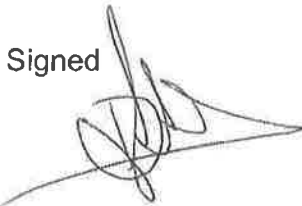
Proposal agreed

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Proposal NOT agreed because

Details of decision maker

Signed



Name: Dipti Patel

Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods

Date:

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.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on 10/10/2019

Signed 

MAYOR OF LONDON

Cllr Damian White & Andrew Blake - Herbert

Main Rd,
Romford
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9th September 2019

Dear Cllr Damian White & Andrew Blake - Herbert

Recently we wrote to you to let you know that the Mayor's Violence Reduction Unit would be providing additional funding to boroughs through the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF). We are pleased that we have further details around the purpose, scale and mechanism for distributing money that we are able to share with you.

The Violence Reduction Unit was set up by the Mayor of London in Autumn last year and was tasked with reducing and stabilising violence across London; increasing feelings of safety for all Londoners; and to ensure both objectives to make sure that communities and young people were at the heart of sustainable and long term change.

The Mayor allocated £7 million towards the programme's budget and last week we received confirmation that the Home Office had allocated a further £7 million.

The VRU knows that boroughs are at the heart of delivering local violence reduction strategies and that good work has been done in aligning local efforts around the borough knife crime action plans. And that local councils are at the heart of change and we look forward to developing a constructive partnership.

Objectives

Building on this work, we want the additional spending to be focused on three strategic outcomes, namely:

- Addressing the drug related drivers of violence
- Supporting young offenders and reducing violent recidivism
- Minimising school exclusions and supporting young people back into education, employment and training

Within those objectives, money may be used to uplift existing LCPF projects, though additionality must be made clear.

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Scale

Every borough is eligible for funding with an additional amount provided in line with the boroughs who experience the highest levels of violence. We have divided the boroughs into three tiers using the GLA Dataset of violent crime, deprivation, health and perception in relation to violence. This is different to the formula used by the LCPF and is more reflective of the public health approach that the VRU is adopting.

The delivery period will be for 7 months of this financial year, and for the 12 months of 2020/21. The funding is allocated so that 50% is available in the seven remaining months of year 1 and 50% for year two. This will coincide with the end of the LCPF funding period, in March 2021.

If in exceptional circumstances you wish to spend more than the 50% allocated in the first year and are confident that you can do so; then you may apply for more of the funding in year one. In any such application the rationale for spending a larger proportion in year 1, will need to be set out. Please note that the overall amount of funding for year 1 and year 2 combined, will remain the same even if a successful request for allocation of more than 50% is made for year 1.

Your borough will receive:

Tier 3

£50,000 in year 1 and £50,000 in year 2

The LCPF direct borough grant arrangements will be utilised as a means to provide this additional funding to boroughs as swiftly as possible, and may not be carried over between financial years or reprofiled in-year as is permitted for LCPF direct funding. This also does not guarantee an uplift in LCPF funding beyond 2020/21.

Eligibility

The project proposals should address at least one of the three strategic outcomes as outlined above.

Funding is contingent on each borough's Knife Crime and Serious Violence Plan being of a satisfactory standard as assessed by the Violence Reduction Unit. If that is not the case, there will need to be a commitment to work with the VRU to reach that standard before the end of the 2019/20 financial year.

The VRU has reviewed all plans and will provide feedback to each borough as soon as possible and certainly by the end of September.

Mechanism

In order to receive this additional funding, a new project will need to be created on GLA OPS, an online project management system which all boroughs are currently using for LCPF projects, outlining what will be delivered and the funding profile across the two

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financial years. These projects will be subject to quarterly financial and annual performance reporting, alongside the LCPF projects.

The following LCPF minimum standards must be adhered to in all proposals:

- Projects must deliver crime prevention approaches in partnership with other local and regional agencies.
- Projects must identify communities disproportionately affected by crime types and be based on narrowing the vulnerability gap.
- Projects which provide services to victims of crime must have due regard to the victim's code of practice.
- Projects adhere to child and adult safeguarding and child protection guidelines and policies, seeking to achieve best practice.
- Projects must have due regard to the equality and diversity implications.

Next steps

We would be grateful if you could respond to this letter with in-principle agreement to accept this funding on the conditions laid out.

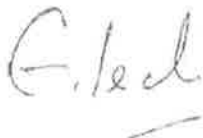
We will then require information on the projects as soon as possible and certainly by the end of September 2019. This will be in line with conversations with the VRU, led by Steve Bending, on the knife crime & violence reduction strategies.

We would be grateful if you could inform your Heads of Community Safety so that MOPAC officers can be in touch directly with further guidance on project development and the use of OPS.

We hope that this answers any questions you may have but if you have queries about the nature of the projects then please contact steve.bending@london.gov.uk. If you have any queries about the LCPF then please contact sam.cunningham@london.gov.uk

We look forward to receiving your responses, and to continuing to work together to tackle violence in London.

Yours sincerely,



Lib Peck
Violence Reduction Unit Director



Sophie Linden
Deputy Mayor for Policing And Crime

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Violence Reduction Unit Bid – (£50K per year for two years)

London Borough of Havering, Admissions & Inclusions Team

Janet James – Admissions & Inclusions Manager janet.james@havering.gov.uk

Lee Clegg – Inclusions Team Leader & AP Commissioner lee.clegg@havering.gov.uk

Strategy

Reduce crime and violence whilst enabling pupils to attend and sustain their education. The Project will inform and develop pupils understanding of crime and violence and contribute to the long-term lasting change to be created.

Target Group

This bid will focus on pupils aged between 10–18 years.

18 Secondary schools / academies

41 Primary schools / academies

5 Six Forms

2 Havering Colleges

3 Alternative Provisions

2 Independent Schools

Aims

Havering has extensive experience of delivering educational projects and interventions to address, avoid, disrupt and divert criminal activity. By delivering seminars, workshops and provision within educational settings it will, identify, assess and support pupils and divert criminal and violent activity.

Key Performance Indicators

25% reduction in Exclusions

50% increase in pupil awareness and knowledge of crime and violence safety

100% of Havering education settings signed up to Operation Encompass

The project will also link with Havering's 'Operation Encompass' to identify pupils, providing targeted interventions, following communications between the police and schools where a child is at risk from domestic abuse.

Objectives

Minimise school exclusions and support young people back into education, employment and training.

Referrals

The Admissions & Inclusions established Inclusions Gateway will provide the operational framework for schools to make referrals.

The project will be delivered by a range of Alternative Provisions and Services. All providers have passed the Havering Approved Provider Process. Project to be delivered between, October 2019 and December 2019.

Financial Strategy

		Registered Charity or Approved Alternative Provision	Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Total Number of Intervention s	Total Number of pupils	Total Pupils
Violence Reduction Unit Bid Year 1								
Secondary Seminars	Serenity	Yes	15	15	13	43	4300	£19,350.00
Targeted AP Interventions	Alternative Provision	Yes	3	3	3	9	9	£31,500.00
Operation Encompass Developments In Kind	AP Traded Admissions & Inclusions	No	16	16	16	48	240	£3,300.00
								-£4,150.00
							4549	£50,000.00
			Autumn 2019	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Total Settings		Total Pupils
Violence Reduction Unit Bid Year 2								
Primary Seminars	Serenity	Yes	14	14	13	41	4100	£18,450.00
Targeted AP Interventions	Alternative Provision	Yes	14	14	13	41	41	£34,850.00
Operation Encompass Developments In Kind	AP Traded Admissions & Inclusions	No	30	30	30	90	450	£7,040.00
								-£10,340.00
							4591	£50,000.00