

## Notice of KEY Executive Decision

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	Acceptance of Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC) and London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) 2025-2029
<b>Decision Maker:</b>	Helen Oakerbee Director of Planning and Public Protection
<b>Cabinet Member:</b>	Councillor Barry Mugglestone
<b>ELT Lead:</b>	Helen Oakerbee
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<b>Policy context:</b>	To accept Havering's allocated Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) grant for 2015-2029. Funding is provided to support the delivery of the Havering Community Safety Partnerships Partnership Plan and statutory obligations under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
<b>Financial summary:</b>	Havering has been allocated MOPAC funding of £266,367 per year for 2025-2029. In addition, the Safeguarding children Board and Safeguarding adults Boards will each receive £5,000 per annum from LCPF.

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<b>Reason decision is Key</b>	Indicate grounds for decision being Key: (a) Expenditure or saving (including anticipated income) of £500,000 or more
<b>Date notice given of intended decision:</b>	18 October 2024
<b>Relevant Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee:</b>	People Overview and Scrutiny
<b>Is it an urgent decision?</b>	No
<b>Is this decision exempt from being called-in?</b>	No

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

People - Supporting our residents to stay safe and well-X

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### Part A – Report seeking decision

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

*To accept Havering's MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) grant allocation for 2025-2029*

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

*This is found in the Constitution in Part 3.3.3*

##### *5. Grants*

*5.1 To apply for, accept and thereafter spend / allocate any grant funding connected with their directorate provided that any match funding or residual liabilities can be met from the existing budget of the directorate. For the avoidance of doubt this delegation shall allow the acceptance of any grant offered / allocated to the Council without any application.*

*5.2 Where any match funding or residual liabilities cannot be met from the existing budget of the directorate, the consent of the Strategic Director of Resources must be obtained but provided that shall only be entitled to authorise such match funding or residual liabilities up to a value of £1,000,000 and further provided that they can be met within the Council's budgetary framework.*

#### **STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

MOPAC circulated London Crime Prevention Fund Borough allocations for 2025-2029 on 5th December 2024. Havering has been allocated £266,367 per annum.

Whilst this remains the same level of funding as in previous years there has been no inflationary uplift.

The current Havering Community safety partnership (HCSP) Partnership plan includes violence against women and girls (VAWG) and Reducing Offending as key priorities.

Clear parameters were set by MOPAC into what projects can be funded via LCPF and the Council were required to submit a proposal in early February for their proposed spend

A discussion took place at the HCSP pre meet on 7<sup>th</sup> January and at the HCSP on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February and it was agreed that three existing projects would be continued.

These are

- DV Perpetrator Programme at £30,000 per annum. This is at the same level as previous years.
- DV Advocacy Project at £30,000 per annum. This is at the same level as previous years.

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- Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy at £148,900 per annum. This is an increase from 2 to 3 IDVA posts due to increasing demand for the service and previously excessively high caseloads held by IDVAs

In addition it was agreed to fund an additional Community Safety Officer post to manage the Integrated Offender Management work programme at £57,467.

The above projects and spending plan have been approved by MOPAC.

In addition The LCPF allocation includes £5000 per annum for each of the Adults and Childrens Safeguarding Boards.

A decision was made to discontinue the post of Serious Violence Analyst. This is a vacant post and the work has been absorbed into the work programme of a core funded Community Safety officer.

The Junior Citizen programme will no longer be funded by the MOPAC LCPF going forward and will be funded by the MOPAC Violence Reduction Unit grant

## **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 within the grant and was therefore rejected.

## **PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION**

A discussion took place at the HCSP pre meet on the 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and HCSP full meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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

Name: Diane Egan

Designation: Community Safety and Intelligence Manager

Signature:

Date:18/02/25



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### Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

*All expenditure will be in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Grant. Failure to do so may result in the withdrawal of the grant. However, the grant agreement has not yet been received therefore it is not possible to fully advise on the repercussions of non-compliance until this has been received.*

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The total grant allocation for projects are set out below

<b>Project</b>	<b>2025/26</b>	<b>2026/27</b>	<b>2027/28</b>	<b>2028/29</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
DV Perpetrator programme	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	<b>£120,000</b>
DV Advocacy project	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	<b>£120,000</b>
IDVA service	£148,900	£148,900	£148,900	£148,900	<b>£595,600</b>
IOM post	£57,467	£57,467	£57,467	£57,467	<b>£229,868</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£266,367</b>	<b>£266,367</b>	<b>£266,367</b>	<b>£266,367</b>	<b>£1,065,468</b>

In addition, the Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adults Boards will each receive £5,000 per annum from LCPF.

All activities and resultant expenditure are wholly funded by the grant and will be used in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Grant and the councils financial regulations. Failure to do so may result in the grant being withdrawn.

Grant claims will be made biannually in arrears. Spend in quarters one and two to be claimed in October, and quarters three & four claimed in April of each year.

The level of funding remains at 2022/23 funding levels per annum and so given the rise in cost of living to date and expected inflation levels over the next four years, it is likely that volume of outcomes being delivered by the grant will begin to decline.

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

The discontinuation of the Serious Violence analyst will have no HR implications. The current post is vacant.

The current IDVAs are all on fixed term employment contracts to March 2025. Contracts will be extended to reflect the grant funding to March 2029. There may be a need to make provision for redundancy costs should the MOPAC funding for these posts cease in the future. The additional Community Safety Officer post to manage the Integrated Offender Management work

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programme will be recruited to in accordance with the Councils Recruitment & Selection Policy and procedures.

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

*The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:*

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;*
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not; and*
- (iii) The need to foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.*

*Note: Protected characteristics include age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity, and gender reassignment.*

*The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement, and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. Additionally, the Council is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents with regard to socio-economic and health determinants.*

*An EHIA (Equality and Health Impact Assessment) has not been completed and is not required for this decision.*

*The Council seeks to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all.*

*There are not equalities and social inclusion implications and risks associated with this decision.*

A full EIA was conducted as part of the development of the Havering Community Safety Partnership Community Safety Plan 2022-25. It is due to be refreshed as part of the revision of the Community Safety plan in Summer 2025.

A VAWG EQIA was conducted as part of the VAWG strategy refresh in January 2025.

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### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

Domestic Violence has been identified as having a major detrimental effect on the health and wellbeing of victims and their children/ families.

All projects that provide support for victims or tackle the offending behaviour of perpetrators will seek to improve the long term health and wellbeing of those affected.

Advocacy work includes the signposting to a wide range of health services including counselling and wider health provision.

Integrated Offender management includes improving access to drug and alcohol services, mental health services and general health services which historically offenders have had difficulty accessing.

Not receiving the MOPAC fund would mean the above support services will not be able to continue and have a negative impact on the health and wellbeing of victims, their children and wider Havering communities.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

*No implications identified from acceptance of grant*

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

*LCPF April 2025 –march 2029 TOR 1*

### **APPENDICES**

**1. DMPC Letter- LCPF April 2025 – March 2029**

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**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

*Delete as applicable*

Proposal NOT agreed because

**Details of decision maker**

Signed

Name:

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title:

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date:

**Lodging this notice**

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Committee Services, in the Town Hall.

**For use by Committee Administration**

This notice was lodged with me on \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_