

## Notice of Non KEY Executive Decision

<b>Subject Heading:</b>	To accept and thereafter spend The Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC) Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) 2025-2028
<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) Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) grant for 2025-2028. Funding is provided to support the delivery of the Havering Community Safety Partnership's (HCSP) Partnership Plan and statutory obligations under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
<b>Financial summary:</b>	To accept and thereafter spend The Mayor's Office of Policing and Crime (MOPAC) Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) has granted Havering. Funding value of £0.100m per year

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	for the period 2025-2028, totalling £0.300m.
<b>Relevant Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee:</b>	People Overview and Scrutiny
<b>Is this decision exempt from being called-in?</b>	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision

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

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

## **Part A – Report seeking decision**

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

*To accept and thereafter spend Havering's MOPAC, Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) grant allocation for 2025-2028 of £0.300m over 3 years. (£0.100m per year ) and the spending plan that has been approved by MOPAC*

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

*This is found in the Constitution in Part 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 the Violence Reduction Unit London Crime Prevention Fund Borough allocations for 2025-2028 on 17<sup>TH</sup> February 2025. Havering has been allocated £0.100m per annum for 3 years.

This is an increase of 50%, as previous funding was £0.050m per annum.

Clear parameters were set by MOPAC into what projects can be funded via VRU LCPF and the Council were required to submit a proposal by the 7th March for their proposed spend.

The fund is focused on delivering the following principles aligned to the VRU's Strategy:

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- Reducing and preventing violence and supporting those vulnerable and impacted by violence.
- Delivering evidence-based interventions with a focus on prevention and early intervention.
- Partnership, collaboration and innovation, working across statutory and community organisations and stakeholders.
- Delivery which is inclusive and aims to tackle and address inequality and disproportionality.
- Outcomes-focused delivery to maximise impact across London.

In anticipation of the grant 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 two projects should be funded.

These are:

- Romford Town Centre Night Marshalls £0.060m per annum. This is at the same level as previous years.
- Junior Citizens Project at £0.015m per annum. This project was previously funded through the LCPF grant at the same level as previous years.

It was agreed to fund one additional project:

- Youth Diversionary project in Harold Hill at £0.025m per annum. This area was highlighted as an area of concern in the Serious Violence Needs Assessment 2023.

The above projects and spending plan have been approved by MOPAC's Violence Reduction Unit

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

A range of options were considered, which included

1. Not to continue funding of all existing projects. However this was rejected as the current projects have been effective in tackling serious violence in Romford Town Centre

## **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.

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**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

## **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**

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

Grant funding will be claimed quarterly in arrears.

The grant will be allocated against the projects set out below.

<b>Project</b>	<b>2025/26 (£m)</b>	<b>2026/27 (£m)</b>	<b>2027/28 (£m)</b>	<b>Total (£m)</b>
Night Marshalls	0.060	0.060	0.060	<b>0.180</b>
Junior Citizen	0.015	0.015	0.015	<b>0.045</b>
Youth Diversionary	0.025	0.025	0.025	<b>0.075</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.300</b>

Not accepting the grant would mean that the Night Marshalls project would cease, and both the Junior Citizen and Youth Diversionary projects would not commence. This would in turn have a detrimental impact on the residents of Havering.

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

There are no HR implications from accepting the grant

The Night Marshalls project and the Youth Diversionary project will be externally commissioned.

### **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.*

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*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 no 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 Serious Violence Duty 2023

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

Serious 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 Violence will seek to improve the long term health and wellbeing of those affected.

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.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

*No implications identified from acceptance of grant*

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**VRU LONDON CRIME PREVENTION FUND 2025-28 specification**

*Havering VRU LCPF letter dated 13 Feb 2025*

**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

**Details of decision maker**

Signed 

Name: Helen Oakerbee, Director of Planning and Public Protection.

Date: 7 April 2025

**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 \_\_\_\_\_