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Department: VRU Community Safety

Our reference: LCPF 2025-28

Date: 13 February 2025

Dear Andrew,

I am pleased to inform you that London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is providing all 32 London boroughs with a three-year funding grant under the London Crime Prevention Fund for 2025-2028.

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

- 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.

The VRU takes an evidence-based approach to the targeting of resources and investment and has utilised its Area Prioritisation Tool (APT) to determine which boroughs are most in need of funding to address violence and exploitation. The tool scans across data sets focused on violence affecting children and young people, other violence offences, as well as public health and public perception data. Boroughs have been allocated funding based on scores provided by the tool.

Subject to formal internal sign off, we are able to inform you that your indicative annual allocation for the financial years of 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 is **£100,000**.

The total amount that your borough will receive during this three-year period is **£300,000**.

The VRU intends to grant all boroughs funding and new agreements will be drawn up for each borough based on agreed project proposals. Should boroughs want to review projects after year one and reprofile spend for years two and three, this option is available.

Boroughs will need to submit their proposals through Flexigrant and should adhere to the requirements and guidance set out in the VRU LCPF 2025-28 Specification document attached which will also be sent to the Head of Community Safety.

The deadline for submission is 5pm on Friday 7th March 2025. VRU Programme Managers are linking in with borough community safety teams and will provide support to boroughs around the project submission process. If there are any specific queries, please do contact them or email VRU@london.gov.uk.

The VRU will endeavour to ensure that all 32 boroughs receive approval of their proposals by the end of March 2025, with grant agreements shared shortly after.

Grant Agreements will be similar to those previously in place for the last round of LCPF, with boroughs expected to fulfil monitoring arrangements around progress delivery and outcomes. The VRU have reduced the monitoring returns frequency from quarterly returns to bi-annual returns, to support and reduce the burden on boroughs.

Please also be aware that although we have purposefully taken a reasonably light-touch approach to financial and performance management, it is imperative that we receive all returns by the set deadlines. This will ensure that we can process your payments promptly.

I look forward to working closely with you over the next three years to continue delivering a public health approach to violence reduction in London.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lib Peck', with a horizontal line underneath.

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Director – Violence Reduction Unit