

# London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF)

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# Background and Context

In 2016, the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime, Sophie Linden, made a commitment to maintain the London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) budget at £72 million over 4 years, despite reductions to the Policing grant.

She introduced a need and demand formula to determine borough allocations and created the co-commissioning fund (CCF), which has led to a number of important services being delivered which would not have been practicable at an individual borough level.

Part of this fund was also vired to the Violence Reduction Unit and supplemented by Home Office funding, to provide additional resource to boroughs in support of early intervention initiatives.

Following the postponement of the Mayoral election in 2020, existing funding was continued for a year until the end of March 2022. This year, a new long-term decision needs to be made, realigning with the shortened Mayoral term, and covering financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25.

The intention is to maintain the current annual budget of £18 million per year, and the current budget split between each element of the LCPF i.e. Direct Funding, VRU Uplift and Co-commissioning Fund.

However, MOPAC's budget will not be finalised until later in the year so this remains subject to change until that time.

For Co-commissioning includes commitments to current services and therefore is dependent on their mainstreaming and inclusion of other potential funding streams

# Budgets

# Timelines

- The decision and budgetary timelines are as follows:

Activity	Dates
Decision published	October 2021
MOPAC budget finalised	November-December 2021
Borough and VRU project developed	January-March 2022
Borough and VRU project begin delivery	April 2022
New round of CCF developed	Next FY 2022/23

# Direct Funding - Allocations

The Deputy Mayor does not feel that, with the current upheaval and uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, this is the right time to make any significant changes to direct funding. We recognise that this funding is important for supporting key services, and that certainty is needed on future budgets.

As such, the intention is to maintain all current borough allocations at the same levels as this financial year.

There will however be some updates to minimum standards, and the project categories will be amended to reflect the new Police and Crime Plan which is in development. We do not anticipate that this will reduce the current scope for the type of projects funded.

# Direct Funding – Grant Management

- In the previous round of funding, allocations were made for 2 years with flexibility of profiling and carry-forward of underspend allowed between those years. For this round we propose allowing flexible profiling but not the carry-forward of underspend, as this will not be manageable across all 3 years.
- We are also considering some amendments to reporting and online grant management, to make the process more streamlined and easier for boroughs. Ideas include:
  - Moving to 6-monthly spend reporting/payment
  - Quarterly performance monitoring to align with VRU uplift projects
  - Generating standardised outcome/output measures for project types to simplify reporting and enable fund-wide performance reporting (not borough comparison)
  - Procuring a new online grant management system

# Co- Commissioning Fund – Current Services

- There are currently 4 projects being delivered under the CCF:
  - LGBT and Male Sexual Violence Support
  - Rescue & Response
  - x2 Female Offender Services
- These projects have both delivered successfully on services which would not have been feasible to commission at an individual borough level, and have attracted additional investment.

# Co- Commissioning Fund – New Round

- We are looking at the feasibility of running a new round of co-commissioning.
- To this end, we are exploring ways of mainstreaming the existing services, and seeking additional funding streams to support this fund. Unfortunately, we will not be able to share a firm total for this new round until our internal budgets are finalised.
- We would however welcome an early discussion on which areas and outcomes would be of interest to focus on for this new round of co-commissioning.



# VRU Uplift

The VRU currently provides funding of £4.4 million to boroughs, in order to support the work of local violence reduction. In the current financial year this is funded through £1.6 million of LCPF funding, plus £2.8 million of Home Office funding.

The VRU wants to maintain this level of funding in future years but final confirmation will be dependent on whether the Home Office continues to provide funding to the VRU. We are pressing for Home Office confirmation and for a multi-year settlement.

The VRU will re-run the previously used formula for allocation and does not anticipate there being significant change to the tiers previously used. They will provide confirmation as soon as possible. In addition to the LCPF allocations, the VRU is also keen to provide additional funding on an equal basis to each borough for specific programmes. In the current financial year this includes PRU mentoring, capacity building, parenting networks and project evaluation.

# Questions

