


Individual Mayoral Decision Decision Log No: 168	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe - Acting Corporate Director - Place	Classification: Unrestricted
Agreement with London Mayor's Office for Police and Crime to provide additional Police resources on LBTH housing estates	

Is this a Key decision?	No
Decision Notice publication date	N/A
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions	No
Reason for seeking an individual Mayoral decision	A Mayoral decision is required to authorise the grant funding agreement that will create an additional Police team to counter act anti-social behaviour on LBTH estates

1. Executive Summary

Feedback from both tenants and leaseholders repeatedly placed the management of antisocial behaviour (ASB) as amongst the highest priorities for those living in LBTH accommodation. Despite slight reductions in the number of overall reported cases since 2015, concern about antisocial activities caused by gangs or drug dealing has risen.

In recognition of these issues in February 2017 Cabinet approved the provision of £2.458 million to fund initiatives to reduce ASB on Council estates over a three year period.

The purpose of this report is to seek Mayoral approval to commit £1.4 million of the above sum to grant fund an additional Police team (as set out below) under Section 92 of the Police Act. This grant funding will provide the resources needed for police action that targets ASB and will provide significant additional resources to existing Police commitments on LBTH estates.

Under this proposal, through utilisation of Section 92 of the Police Act 1996, the Council will benefit from the MetPatrol Plus scheme available through the (London) Mayor's Office for Police and Crime (MOPAC). This will mean that each police constable funded by LBTH, will be matched by MOPAC. The table below sets out the proposed team including the additional numbers that will result from entering into this agreement.

Officer	Cost per annum	Number	Annual cost	<i>Additional Match-funded Posts at no cost</i>
Constable	£66,500	5	332,500	7
Sergeant	£79,000	2	158,000	
Total Cost			490,500	

LBTH submitted a Letter of Intent to MOPAC on 12th May 2017 agreeing to grant fund on the basis set out above and a draft agreement was submitted on 22nd May 2017. Following further discussions, a finalised agreement was submitted to LBTH on the 21st July for which Mayoral approval is now requested

Recommendations

That the Mayor:

- Agrees that the Council enter into a grant agreement with MOPAC under which MOPAC will provide THH 14 officers of which the Council will fund 5 constables and 2 sergeants a draft of which is at Appendix 1 to this report.
- Authorise the Acting Corporate Director, Place to approve the draft agreement after consultation with the Corporate Director, Governance.
- Authorise the payment of the grant of £1,471,500 as set out in the second column of the table at paragraph 3.3.3 of the report to fund the two Sergeants and five Constables referred to above.
- Authorise the Corporate Director, Governance to execute the grant agreement on behalf of the Council

APPROVALS

1 Corporate Director proposing this decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision for submission to the Mayor

Signed  Date 02/08/17

2 Chief Finance Officer or his/ her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments

Signed.....  Date 02/08/17

3 Monitoring Officer on his/her deputy Date

I have been consulted on the contents of the attached report which includes my comments

Signed.....  Date

4 Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the paragraph above for the reasons set out in paragraph of the attached report

Signed.....  Date 02/08/17