

# Leaders

## London Councils' Urgencies Report    Item no: 10

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**Summary**      London Councils' urgency procedure was used to secure a decision on:

- MOPAC funding opportunity: tackling harmful practices

**Recommendations**      Leaders are asked to note the decision taken under the urgency procedure.

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## 1.0 MOPAC funding opportunity: tackling harmful practices

### 1.1 Introduction

In April 2015, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) started a two-year long Harmful Practices Pilot that aimed to improve the way agencies identify and respond to a series of harmful practices against women and girls. The Pilot, delivered by the Partnership to End Harmful Practices, came to an end in March 2017. MOPAC informed London Councils that further funding of up to £100,000 per year for the next two years (financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19) is available to continue some of the activity from the Pilot, particularly early identification by statutory and voluntary agencies through appropriate training. There is no expectation or requirement that this funding is matched.

MOPAC are keen to avoid duplication of support and ensure complementarity with the London Councils Grants Programme. Consequently, MOPAC asked that the available funding be managed under a partnership arrangement by the Employment and Inclusion Team to complement the Section 48 Grants Programme and provide additional resources for training front-line staff in statutory and voluntary services to identify harmful practices and take appropriate action.

London Councils has received legal advice that this funding cannot be administered as part of the Grants Scheme. However, it can be administered by Leaders' Committee on behalf of MOPAC on the same terms as London Councils Grants, on the basis that London Councils is providing a service to the GLA as the legal entity and public authority responsible for MOPAC.

A five per cent management fee will be applied to the funding to take account of management and administration costs for increasing the scale of the grants programme.

### 1.2 Summary

The Chair of Grants Committee, in consultation with the Vice Chairs, agreed in June 2017 that administering £100,000 MOPAC funding on the same terms as London Councils Grants, on the basis that London Councils is providing a service to the GLA, would provide an opportunity to enhance the Ascent Ending Harmful Practices project and the Grants programme. It was also agreed that officers submit a report to Leaders' Committee to ask for agreement that the £100,000 MOPAC funding is

accepted through an appropriate service level agreement and is managed on the same terms as London Councils Grants to enhance the Grants Programme.

### **1.3 Recommendation**

Following the endorsement of the Chair and Vice Chairs of the Grants Committee in June 2017 Leaders' Committee is asked to note that the £100,000 MOPAC funding was accepted through an appropriate service level agreement and will be managed on the same terms as London Councils Grants to enhance the Grants Programme.

Elected Officers of Leaders' Committee were asked to agree the London Councils submission by close of business on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The Urgency was approved.

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#### **Financial Implications:**

The Director of Corporate Resources reports that the proposals laid out in the report can be met from agreeing a five per cent management fee to the additional MOPAC funding.

#### **Legal Implications:**

London Councils has received legal advice that this funding cannot be administered as part of the Grants Scheme. However, it can be administered by Leaders' Committee on behalf of MOPAC/GLA on the same terms as London Councils Grants, on the basis that London Councils is providing a service to the GLA as the legal entity and public authority responsible for MOPAC.

#### **Equalities Implications:**

London Councils has, in exercising its functions under the Grants Scheme, in setting the policy for grant-making and funding services through the commissioning process which has been adopted, complied with the general equalities duty under the Equality Act 2010 to have regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and to advance equality of opportunity between different groups and foster good relations between different groups. Accepting this funding to enhance currently funded services to vulnerable beneficiaries supports London Councils to meet its equalities duties in the exercise of its grants functions.