

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Dan Diamond, Partnership Lead, GM Violence Reduction Unit**

<b>Subject/ Title:</b>
<b>Payment to StreetGames for a Community Sports Coordinator Role within the GM Violence Reduction Unit</b>

<b>Type of decision:</b>			
<b>Deputy Mayor's decision</b>		<b>Chief Officer's decision</b>	<b>X</b>

**In all cases this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.**

<p><b>The decision is that:</b></p> <p>The Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit is seeking to award StreetGames £29,166 to fund a Community Sport Coordinator's role for three days per week within the VRU</p> <p>The GM VRU is requesting that the role is funded out of the VRU's Serious Violence funding reserves</p>
<p><b>The reasons for the decision are:</b></p> <p>As noted on the <a href="#">StreetGames website</a>; "StreetGames harnesses the power of sport to create positive change in the lives of disadvantaged young people right across the UK. StreetGames' work helps to make young people and their communities healthier, safer and more successful".</p> <p>The responsibilities of the funded role will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To manage the GM VRU Community Sport budget (£75,000)</li> <li>• To support the GM EISYJ Partnership and ensure connections are in place with all key stakeholders/practitioners e.g. Criminal Justice, Education, Health, Police and Locally Trusted Organisations etc. across GM at a regional, local authority and place-based level.</li> <li>• Connect &amp; collaborate, including supporting funding bids, across the GM sport and physical activity sector on violence reduction in line with the VRU priorities and GM PSR principles.</li> </ul>

- Provide briefings to VRU regarding national, regional and local developments and wider opportunities.
- Development of a quality assured framework and evidence of effective referral pathways in place in locations in GM.
- Work with the VRU evaluation team to develop and disseminate evaluation and guidelines for effective early intervention - including a providers' toolkit.
- Work with stakeholders to ensure data provision and information exchange inside the VRU, across the existing community support network and with partners is robust and efficient so can demonstrate the impact of sporting interventions to reduce crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour through sport.
- Continue to enhance the understanding of investment into community sport for the reduction of serious violence in GM and to learn from best practice across the UK as to how funding can be best utilised.
- Support the 10 (ten) GM community sport provider networks, including driving the growth of the network and assessing ability to deliver across the 'risk spectrum' e.g. from diversionary activity through to long term mentoring support (i.e. who's best placed to deliver which type of intervention).

**This decision will contribute to priorities of the the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:**

Priority 2. Young people equipped for life.  
Priority 8. Safer and stronger communities  
Priority 9. Healthy lives, with quality care available for those who need it.

**In addition, the decision contributes to :**

[Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#) (2020)  
[Greater Manchester Integrated Health and Justice Strategy \(2020\) Health and Wellbeing Delivery Plan](#) (2020)

**Procurement comments:**

A grant funding matter involving spend below £30K. No significant Procurement concerns. Please revert to Commercial/Procurement for further advice should proposals to extend or amend the arrangement as described be considered.

**Financial comments:**

The GM VRU has seeked financial avice from the GMCA Finance team. The Community Sport Coordinator role will be funded out of the GM VRU's Reserves

**Legal comments:**

The GM VRU have seeked support from the MCC legal team for the drafting of a Grant Funding Agreement between the GMCA/GM VRU and StreetGames.

The GM VRU would need to seek further advice / support from the MCC Legal team should any changes are made to the existing GFA

**Risk Assessment:**

Any underspend identified by StreetGames by the end of the financial year would need to be returned to the GM VRU as agreed on the GFA.

All relevant DBS and safeguarding policies are in place by StreetGames and is available upon request.

**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

The Safeguarding of Children and Young people is at the forefront of the programmes being belivered by StreetGames. As noted above, StreetGames uses sport as a vehicle to create positive change in the lives of disadvantaged young people across the UK. StreetGames works closely with the GM VRU to identify YPs who are at risk of being involved with SV and uses sport to provide them with the appoportate support they require.

**Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:**

N/A

**Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire**



Signed... ..

Date...29<sup>th</sup> April 2022.....

**Agreed by GMCA Treasurer**

Signed.....

Date.....

**Agreed by Deputy Mayor**  
**Only required for a Deputy Mayor Decision on amounts of £50,000+**

Signed: .....

Date: .....

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