

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Lisa Lees/ Gwynne Williams

Subject/ Title:
Proposed amendments to the Articles of BlueLight Commercial.

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor's decision	X	Chief Officer's decision	

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

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>Following consideration by the Deputy Monitoring officer, the proposed amendments are acceptable and can be recommended to the Deputy Mayor for approval, the Deputy Mayor agrees to sign the proposed Written Resolution to be passed by way of Special Resolution.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Proposed amendments to the Articles of BlueLight Commercial were received in April 2022 and following review, the questions below were raised with BLC who arranged for an information workshop inviting all PCCs and their representatives.</p> <p>Following this, the questions below have since been answered and the proposed amendments are now considered acceptable and can therefore be recommended to the Deputy Mayor for approval.</p> <p>1. Are you aware as to whether the Home Office will continue to fund BLC beyond April 2023 and if this is not the case, are PCCs are going to be asked to provide this funding?</p> <p>BLC - This will be discussed in the briefing sessions but there is nothing in the proposed Articles that could compel any PCC to contribute to the funding of BLC.</p> <p>GW Confirmation - The amendments are not related to future funding. BLC have been working with Home Office to identify future funding and a paper was due to go to Treasury in July seeking 2 years specific funding. BLC</p>

has Home Office support and is a fundamental part of and written into the 3year CSR bid.

2. If it is the case that PCCs are going to be asked to provide funding beyond April 2023, this will have implications to your proposal to delete reserved matters and the deletion of Article 26.8.

BLC - The funding issue is not relevant to the proposal to delete reserved matters as the cap on each members' liability is limited to £10 per member.

GW Confirmation - The proposed amendment to Article 26.8 has been withdrawn, therefore it remains that PCC Directors must constitute a majority of the Directors present and eligible to vote upon proposals concerning the company's budget or finances or its strategy.

3. Could you provide clarity on the proposal for BLC to be able to enter into contracts directly as the current position is that the contracting powers sits directly with each PCC.

BLC - This proposed amendment is intended to be clarificatory only as BLC are already doing this. The amendment formalises the position that BLC can act in the capacity of contracting authority or central purchasing body but the amendment does clearly state that this is only 'where authorised to do so' and in each case a Sub-Agreement would be used to ascertain the required authority ensuring that PCCs retain their autonomy. The PCCs will continue to have a direct contractual arrangement with the suppliers through either a call-off contract or their official purchase order.

GW Confirmation - An example of the use of a sub agreement is Fleet.

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

Collaborative arrangements for purchasing ensure GMP is able to benefit from efficiencies of scale.

Procurement comments:

None sought – the S.22 agreement with BLC is already in place



Updated and signed
5.3.21 FW BlueLight C

Financial comments:

Non sought

Legal comments:

Following consideration by the Deputy Monitoring officer, it is considered that proposed amendments are acceptable and can be recommended to the Deputy Mayor for approval.

Risk Assessment:

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

N/A

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

N/A

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

Signed...



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Date...25th July 2022.....

Agreed by GMCA Deputy Treasurer

Signed



Date 26/07/2022

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed: 
Mayor of Greater Manchester

Date: 26/07/2022

Contact Officer: