

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Matt Berry: Partnership & Policy Officer /  
Lisa Lees: Lisa Lees Strategic Planning Manager**

<b>Subject/ Title:</b>
Learning Event Conference and Wider Awareness Week Core Offer Costs Associated with the GM Channel and Prevent Peer Review

<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.**

<b>The decision is that:</b>	
An envelope of £10k be made available to fund engagement activity associated with the GM Safeguarding Against Extremism Awareness Week. This includes costs associated with hosting a learning event as part of the wider Awareness week core offer.	
<b>Estimated Costs:</b>	
Venue - Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce	£4,775
Workshops x 5	£2,500
Host	£1,000
RADEQUAL	£350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£8,625</b>
<b>The reasons for the decision are:</b>	
The GM Contest Board is holding a GM Safeguarding against extremism awareness week from the 19 <sup>th</sup> to the 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2022, with a conference being held on the final day of the week. Aimed at Senior Leads with a Prevent portfolio such as the Channel Chair, Children's Services Lead, Adults Services Lead, Headteachers, Youth Justice, Neighbourhood Services leads etc.	
The costs for the overarching conference are expected to be in the region of £10k which includes refreshments, venue hire and IT. Each local authority area has been requested to make a contribution and early indications are that the response is inconsistent, which risks the viability of the conference	

taking place. Any funding that Local authorities contribute will reduce the call from the £10k envelope.

The awareness week provides a high profile opportunity to share the learning from two GM Peer Review processes that taken place throughout 2021/22 in each district focussing on Prevent and Channel delivery structures and processes. As part of the peer review processes, a commitment was made to hold a GM level learning event proposes to share good practice and themes for development and will be an opportunity to highlight a range of upcoming issues that each GM district needs to consider as part of their local Prevent and Channel arrangements.

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

The work supports the following GMS Strategy priorities:

- Safer and Stronger Communities

**Links to Police and Crime Plan:**

Priority 1: Keeping People Safe

- Protecting and caring for people who live, work, socialise and travel in Greater Manchester
- Protecting those who are vulnerable and those who are victims of crime or at risk of being victimised.
- Building resilience, feelings of safety and confidence in policing and community safety.

Priority 1: Keeping People Safe includes a commitment to work together to take account of any recommendations from the Greater Manchester Preventing Hateful Extremism and Promoting Social Cohesion Commission

**Financial comments:**

Due to the Home Office being unable to provide any financial contribution, the activities associated with the awareness week conference would be jointly joint funded by the GMCA and local districts contributions.

For the Combined Authority contribution, sufficient funds have been identified to resource this in the Community Safety Fund

**Procurement Comments**

Procurement comments not sought due to nature and value of net spend

**Legal Comments**

Not sought as above.

**Risk Assessment:**

The Chanel peer reviews are led by the GMCA, the Deputy Mayor has prioritised the Contest agenda, this awareness week will promote knowledge and consistent good practice across GM. As this event has already been publicly committed, to not follow through could result in reputation damage to the GMCA. It would also risk losing the momentum of this work, and failure to embed the development themes and good practice that has been identified.

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

Yes, promotion of the protection of children and young people from being groomed and exploited is a key focus of the safeguarding against extremism agenda.

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

Yes, promotion of the protection of vulnerable adults from being groomed and exploited is a key focus of the safeguarding against extremism agenda.

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



Signed... ..

Date...5<sup>th</sup> August 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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