

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Damian Dallimore, Programme Lead

Subject:
Funding Allocation to Bolton CVS

Type of decision: Budget/financial			
Deputy Mayor's decision	X	Chief Officer's decision	

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

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>The GM VRU are seeking to award to Bolton Community Voluntary Sector (CVS) £875,000, by way of Grant funding, to support in the delivery and administration of the VRU's Community-Led Pilots Programme on behalf of 10 GM. This further investment in the GM Community-led Programme will fund the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Establish Community-led programmes within the remaining two areas (£200,000 in Trafford and Stockport) ▼ Provide £100,000 in funding to Bolton, Salford and Manchester in 2022/23 (£300,000 in total) to enable them to continue to develop their respective Community-led Programmes ▼ £75,000 to fund a VCSE Sector Strategic Lead who'll be working with Public Sector and VCSE sector partners to deliver the programme and is based within the GM VRU. ▼ Furthermore, the VRU will award £300,000 (£30,000 each) in capacity building funding to enable local areas to recruit a Community-led Coordinator within the VCSE sector, who will support the VCSE Coordinator in the roll out and sustainability of the Community-led programmes. <p><i>To date, the GM VRU have awarded Bolton CVS a total of £780,000 from the 2020/21 and 21/22 Serious Violence Funding to support the Community-Led Programme. This will bring the total funding amount to £1,655,000</i></p>
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The reasons for the decision are:

In August 2019, the Mayor announced during the GM Reform Board that GM's approach to tackling violence would be "community-led" in line with the GMs' ambitious public service reform programme, which led to the establishment of the GM Community-Led Programme (CLP).

The key focus of the CLP is ensuring that young people and stakeholders in a specific locality or place come together, focussing on a strength based approach in the pilot sites to identify what work is already taking place , what gaps may exist and what the opportunities might be to address these gaps. Key to this approach is harnessing and building on existing strengths and capacity from within the community to develop projects and activities..

The programme is co-ordinated by a VCSE Sector Strategic Lead (Michael Phipps) who is working with Public Sector and VCSE sector partners to deliver the programme and is based within the GM VRU.

The VCSE Sector Strategic Lead is responsible for maximising the contribution of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in leading a series of place-based responses to violence affecting young people in those areas most in need of help and in achieving better outcomes for residents in those communities. The VRU Community-Led Delivery Group has been formed to oversee and scrutinise the overall programme of work, including the spending plan.

This programme is about working with communities to find solutions to problems that exist in their area. Investment is important and there is funding available to develop and deliver solutions that communities define and collectively agree on. The key priority is about building trust with communities and acting upon their challenges and ideas through prioritising a range of shared actions.

To date, the CLP is operating at various levels across 8 GM areas;

- ▼ Manchester
- ▼ Bolton
- ▼ Bury
- ▼ Salford
- ▼ Oldham
- ▼ Rochdale
- ▼ Tameside
- ▼ Wigan.

The further investment will support the CLP to Identify an additional 2 areas (Trafford and Stockport) as well as provide funding for a further 12 months in Bolton, Salford and Manchester.

The GM VRU has also committed a further £300,000 to enable each programme area to recruit Community-led Coordinator within the VCSE sector, who will support the VCSE Coordinator in the roll out and sustainability of the Community-led programmes.

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

This programme of work will impact the following GM Strategies

- All priorities in the [Standing Together plan](#)
- All priorities of the [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan.](#)
- The [GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy](#)

Financial comments:

The a one-off funding will be awarded to Bolton CVS for the delivery of the above services and is to be spent by November 2023. A Grant Funding Agreement between the GMCA and Bolton CVS will be in place for this funding. The programme will be funded out of the GM VRU's Serious Violence Funding 2022-23, "Community-led pilot" budget line

Legal comments:

Any services or products procured through this programme will adhere to GMCA commissioning policy and EU rules on procurement. The GM VRU are seeking the support of Manchester City Council's Legal team to support with the drafting of a Grant Funding Agreement between the GM VRU and Bolton CVS

Procurement comments:

As this process relates to a grant funding arrangement and the process is also consistent with earlier phases of the same project, there are no specific procurement concerns.

It is recommended that Commercial Services should be consulted again, should any further extension to these arrangements be proposed.

Risk Assessment:

Any amount not spent under this allocation will be returned to the GM VRU and will be lost to implementing effective interventions and activity within the pilot areas. The GM VRU will be seeking to ensure that key outcomes and outputs are achieved as part of this funding. In addition, the funding will be coordinated by the VCSE Lead for the GM VRU who is employed by Bolton CVS and overseen by the VRU Community-Led Delivery Group.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children is paramount to the violence reduction work, both as potential victims and perpetrators of serious violence. Many of the strands of work directly address this, particularly those included in CSP plans, and work related to health and education.

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

This programme of work is closely aligned to relevant programmes such as Challenger (Greater Manchester's partnership approach to tackling all forms of serious and organised crime) and as such the safeguarding of vulnerable adults is central to these plans, particularly in relation to violence through organised crime, gangs and criminal exploitation.

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



Signed:

Date: 20th Sept 2022

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed:

Date: 28th September 2022

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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



Signed:

Date: 29th September 2022

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