

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Matt Berry / Dan Diamond: Principal Officer GM VRU Partnership Lead

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| Subject/ Title: |
| Education Consultant Lead role |

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| 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.

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| <p>The decision is that:</p> <p>The services and expertise of a former headteacher acting as an Education Consultant Lead consultant for the Violence Reduction Unit is procured on a contract basis for two days per week, for two years, at a day rate cost £600 per day plus reasonable expenses. This role is aimed to build resilience within the GM school community and general education setting, which is key to reducing the risk of young people becoming involved in violence.</p> <p>Max budget - 46 w x 2d x 600 x 2 years = £55,200 per year x 2 = £110,400 (2 years) plus all reasonable expenses</p> |
| <p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Priority 6 of the GM Serious Violence Action Plan includes a commitment to; <i>work with education settings (including primary, secondary, alternative provision, further education and pupil referral units) to keep pupils safe and reduce the likelihood of fixed term and permanent exclusions.</i></p> <p>In order to progress this work, the VRU has identified the need to appoint an individual who can function at a senior level and invoke the necessary changes across the education system. This individual would be operating in a complex partnership environment, working with multiple stakeholders to identify best practice, implement strategy and effective intervention measures.</p> <p>Building resilience within the school community and general education setting is vital in order to reduce the risk of young people becoming involved in violence, but also addressing the outcomes and factors when violence</p> |

does occur. This work covers all elements of primary and secondary and further education as well as other specialist education provision.

It is proposed that the consultant would report directly to the Head of the Violence Reduction Unit and work closely with internal and external stakeholders, briefing senior colleagues and politicians such as the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other leaders and Elected Officials.

In order to succeed in this work, it is necessary that the individual would need to have had extensive experience as a headteacher, someone who is both competent and fully conversant with the business landscape of education, including matters pertaining to national and local policy, through to direct operational delivery.

The seniority and experience of a retired Headteacher will not only offer the VRU and Police, Fire and Crime team benefits of being able to influence and negotiate with education leads across GM but will also offer significant benefits to wider GMCA work streams and priorities.

A more detailed narrative on the background and justification for appointing this consultant is included in the accompanying Procurement Exemption Approval Form

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

The Education Consultant Lead role contributes to the delivery of the Greater Manchester Strategy via the following:

Specific Key priorities include:

- Safer and Stronger Communities

Developing strategies within the education setting aimed to make children more resilient to resorting to violence, crime and coercion and breaking the cycle of violence within disadvantaged communities

- Young people – educating, and introducing interventions with children and young persons that have/are at risk of committing violence

Financial comments:

The Home Office grant has been secured for a further three years (2022-23 – 2024-25), offering a sustainable funding source for this proposal.

Account Cost Code 3025

Procurement Comments

Due to the urgency and the highly specialist nature of the requirement, it is considered reasonable to appoint The College of Maths to fulfil this requirement. The total value of this contract as detailed in this Decision Notice remains below the threshold for full application of the Public Contracts Regulations (2015). The time during the second year of this contract should be used to review the requirement and consider procurement options, if applicable, for potential ongoing fulfilment of future needs, as it is unlikely that a further exemption would be justified.

Refer to Commercial Services for further advice when appropriate (Commercial Services reference GMCA 593)

Legal Comments

Procurement have advised no further legal consultation is required.

Risk Assessment:

Thematic risk – given the high profile nature of this work, and public commitment that has been made to working with education on this agenda (Priority 6 of the GM Serious Violence Action Plan), Developing a robust solution with continuity is imperative to achieving success. It is therefore felt, that not appointing in this way would likely lead to a protracted and lengthy process which could put the programme at risk, with direct impact on users and GMCAs reputation.

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 work stream 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.....28th October 2022.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed:

Date: 03/11/2022

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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



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Date: ...14th November 2022.....

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