

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Emma Stonier / Carol Judge-Campbell**

<b>Subject/ Title:</b>
<b>GBV Victims and Survivors / Lived Experience Panel</b>

<b>Type of decision:</b>			
<b>Deputy Mayor's decision</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Chief Officer's decision</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>To support the stated central tenet of the GM Gender-Based Violence Strategy, namely that we are clear that we will only be truly successful in our endeavour by having those with lived experience at the very heart of everything we do.</p> <p>We will provide £100k funding over 2 years via grant to a partner organisation/s to run, develop and facilitate the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Panel of Lived Experience. This will support the work of the GBV Board and the delivery of the GBV Strategy.</p> <p>Following discussions with key stakeholders within GM we want to undertake a tailored process to appointing a panel. This will be a bespoke, collaborative approach with an independent coordinating and facilitating organisation an organisation that will take cognisance of the GM landscape in relation to specialist services around gender-based violence.</p> <p>We will look to an independent, impartial organisation to undertake the management, facilitation and recruitment to the panel. It will be made clear that the panel's membership will need to reflect the wide-ranging nature of gender-based violence and the diversity of Greater Manchester's communities. The organisation appointed will also be responsible for managing expenses payments for members of the Panel who are giving up their time to contribute. This will cover the costs associated with involvement in the panel, for example travel costs.</p> <p>The organisation will need to articulate and identify how they will work with the VCSE sector in Greater Manchester to deliver aspects of the GBV Lived</p>
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Experience Panel. This may cover areas such as welfare/emotional support and clinical supervision for Panel members, identification of panel members and the relevant expertise in supporting people with lived experience of gender-based violence.

The independent facilitating organisation will bring this together and provide all secretariat functions so will be an expert in partnership working and community engagement.

The funding will be allocated via an expression of interest process which will be sent out to relevant partners and stakeholders. £30k will be allocated for the coordination and running of the panel and £20k for the support element.

Once an organisation has been appointed a further decision notice will be submitted to seek final approval.

Consideration of going out to market has been undertaken and due to the specialist requirements for this panel it has been agreed that a tailored approach can be progressed.

**The reasons for the decision are:**

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority want to provide investment in partner organisation/s to assist us in the appointment of panel members and facilitation of the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Panel of Lived Experience which will support the work of the GBV Board and the delivery of the GBV Strategy.

The GBV Strategy outlined our commitment to establishing a panel of people with lived experience of GBV as one mechanism of ensuring that victims and survivors' voices are heard and validated and ensuring that those with lived experience are at the heart of what we do.

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

This supports the following priorities from the GMS Delivery Plan:

- 6. Tackle gender-based violence and abuse in all its forms
- 14. Gender Based Violence Strategy

This supports the PCP theme for action 1 *Tackling inequality and injustice in all its forms including Gender Based Violence* and the delivery of the GBV Strategy.

**Procurement comments:**

This will be in the form of a grant agreement to the provider, thus not subject to the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) or the Contract Procurement Rules element of GMCA's Constitution.

Notwithstanding this, a significant number of organisations known to the department will be invited to participate in an Expression of Interest process, in order to determine the most appropriate provision possible. It is understood that a further Decision Notice will be produced to authorise the grant funding to the selected provider. This should be presented to Commercial Services for further review when prepared.

No significant procurement concerns.

**Financial comments:**

The contract amount is £100,000 (£50k per annum). The grant agreement will be for a 24-month period and will be paid in quarterly instalments following commencement point.

The funds will come out of the Deputy Mayor's Investment Fund reserve- P02 Commissioning -earmarked for Gender Based Violence.

**Legal comments:**

A grant agreement will be drawn up by legal for the work once an organisation has been appointed.

**Risk Assessment:**

Low – we will pursue a tailored process to ensure that the organisations appointed can effectively support this work, will be cognisant of the existing landscape in this area and will be able to run the Panel independently of the GMCA.

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

Yes – organisations will consider this and have relevant safeguarding policies in place.

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

Yes – organisations will consider this and have relevant safeguarding policies in place.

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



Signed... ..

Date.....

**Agreed by GMCA Treasurer**



Signed

Date 26/10/2022

**Agreed by Deputy Mayor**

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



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Date: ...4<sup>th</sup> November 2022.....

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