

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Oliver Collins, Senior Policy & Partnerships Officer

Subject/ Title:
GM Night Time Economy Welfare Scheme

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>The GMCA will commission a Night Time Economy Welfare Scheme for the Gay Village ‘Village’ area of Manchester.</p> <p>The contract will be awarded on a 2 year (2023/24-2024/25) + 1 year (2025/26) + 1 year (2026/27) basis.</p> <p>The cost of the contract will be £135,000 per annum, total value £540,000</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Manchester city centre has 1,000 of the 6,000 licensed premises across the city region and therefore the City of Manchester continues to present the highest demand and vulnerability when it comes to the night-time economy. Many residents from across the city region visit the city centre (around 40% are from other parts of Greater Manchester) proving that investment in these schemes benefits all across the city region.</p> <p>Within the city region the ‘Village’ area continues to be amongst the highest for policing demand and has high levels of vulnerable people who need help on a night out.</p> <p>Up until 2022/23, the GMCA has contributed via grant funding to the LGBT Foundation for the provision of The Village Safe Haven (‘the Haven’) and the Village Angels scheme operate in the Canal Street ‘Village’ area of Manchester. The Scheme aims to support vulnerable individuals, prevent harm, increase general welfare, and reduce demand on the emergency</p>

services during the night time economy.

The primary public service beneficiaries are GMP, Manchester City Council and North West Ambulance Service. Further to this, cost benefits are seen by health and criminal justice services. Licensed premises also benefit.

The newly commissioned service is expected to build on this foundation and further improve partnership working the GMCA, Manchester City Council, Emergency Services and licenced premises in the 'Village' area to make it as safe as possible location for people to enjoy.

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

To the Safe and Strong GMS priority

The funding is important in enabling us to deliver our ambitions on safer streets and a safe night-time economy as outlined in the refreshed Police and Crime Plan – priority 3 as well as:-

- The Gender Based Violence strategy
- The Night-Time Economy Strategy and
- The Anti-Spiking Partnership

Financial comments:

Funding of up to £135,00 to the successful provider will be awarded from the Police and Crime Community Safety budget.

Procurement comments:

This requirement will be subject to a full procurement procedure, in full compliance with the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) and the Contract Procurement Rules within the GMCA Constitution. No procurement concerns.

Risk Assessment:

Quarterly monitoring and reporting of performance and delivery of outcomes against the specification will take place. This will include monitoring of a risk log to be developed and managed by the successful provider.

A one plus one contract has been decided to ensure the new service is able to delivery against the expected outcomes. Should the new service fail to deliver, a one year contract allows for quick re-assessment of the service to ensure future viable delivery.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The current provider has policies for safeguarding children and young people in place and the newly commissioned provider will be expected to have such policies in place.

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

The current provider has policies for safeguarding children and young people in place and the newly commissioned provider will be expected to have such policies in place.


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



Signed... ..

Date.....13th January 2023.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed

Date 18/01/2023

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



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Date: 18th January 2023.....

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